

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

In Attendance: Mandy Best, Nancy Dickinson, Jan Driscoll, Bob Fox, Sue Jackson, Fr. Mallick, Dennis Zuiker

Absent: Frank Beck, Teri Ohan, Jim Raikes

The meeting was convened at 7:05 pm. Father Mallick led the opening prayer.

Father Mallick's Comments

The Parish Mission is scheduled from March 8th through the 11th. Msgr. Douglas Raun, from Santa Fe, will lead the mission and will preach at the Masses Saturday evening and Sunday. This is a time when the parish as a whole goes on retreat and is a time to re-evaluate itself. Each weekday evening will begin with Mass at 7pm.

The job for the PPC is to encourage as many of the parish as possible to attend these evenings, especially the beginning session on Monday evening. With the Lenten Soup Supper on Monday night, this will be even a better opportunity to have people join the Parish Mission session.

Fr. Mallick would like the PPC to send emails to him with suggestions on how to publicize the Parish Mission.

Old Business

James Cavanagh will offer 6 sessions on the *Lumen Gentium* beginning January 28. Father Mallick encourages the members of the PPC to attend at least the first two chapters of the discussions. As the *Lumen Gentium* focuses on the nature and mission of the Church, this is a natural segue into our Parish mission. The sessions will begin at 7pm and end at 8:30pm.

New Business

Several activities were brought up where no chairperson has stepped forward to lead the activity. This is creating a situation where these activities may be dropped as there appears to be no interest in them, which then led into a discussion concerning parish members who are leaving and possible reasons for their decisions. As a Pastoral Council, we will continue to observe this trend. A discussion on a possible survey of parish members took place. The survey would focus on what people are looking for at SHM, what ways they would be willing to donate their time and talent, and generally determine if the person/family is still active in our parish. The volunteers calling parish members for the survey would need to be friendly, thoughtful and given guidelines as well as a script. Four members of the PPC are likely to participate in the telethon.

Another way to get parishioners involved would be directed to newly registered families and would consist of a welcome reception held every quarter or semi-annually. It has been given the name, "Learn your Parish." Several members of the PPC would attend each reception; and other active chairs of ministries could be invited as well. This would help the new parishioners meet other new members as well as learn about the activities at SHM.

Action Items/Next Meeting

- Plans/format for “Learn Your Parish” program.
- Reflect on potential telethon/survey. How do we begin to reach out to people to become more involved?

Roundtable Discussion

There were no issues brought up at the Roundtable.

Father Mallick led the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the SHM Office Conference Room.