

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2009

In Attendance: Frank Beck, Mandy Best, Nancy Dickinson, Becci Dodson, Jan Driscoll, Bob Fox, Fr. Mallick, Teri Ohan, Dennis Zuiker

Absent: Sue Jackson

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm by Frank Beck. Father Mallick led the opening prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Fr. Mallick's Comments:

- Father Mallick gave us a Prayer for Meetings and A Prayer for a Spiritual Renewal of a Parish to be used to open and close each meeting hereafter.
- Father informed us that Deacon Dave will be responsible for liturgical scheduling for at least the next few months. He agreed that the schedule can be published once again in the Bulletin on the last weekend of each month.
- On the last Tuesday of each month, Father now trains the servers for the following month.
- "Soup and Stations" will be held on Monday nights during Lent this year. Next year, it will be scheduled for Friday nights. The dinner will start at 6 pm, with Stations from about 7:14 to 7:45 pm, followed by Benediction. Father encourages everyone to come to dinner and stay through Benediction if at all possible. Frank brought up the fact that there is a very good book/pamphlet at St. Martin de Porres that is used for Stations of the Cross. Dennis will stop by and get a copy of the book for Father to peruse and see if it is something we would like to use.
- Holy Thursday services will be followed by Adoration from 8:30 pm until midnight. Father has arranged for some groups to be present during certain hours and it was suggested that the Pastoral Council be present from 11 pm to midnight. He is making arrangements for members of Knights of Columbus to take half-hour shifts to guard the room.
- Father reported that the Mass for Life was attended by at least 150 people. It was a very peaceful, lovely Mass followed by a candlelit procession to the Wall. Some photos were taken that will be posted next year to let people know about the Mass.

- Father touched upon “volunteer burnout” and asked each of us to rank the social events to see how effective they are. He has promised that none will be eliminated at this time, but we will see how they can be revived to become more meaningful.

New Business

- Celebration of Marriage event: Although Sue was not able to attend the meeting, she sent Frank a very succinct email reporting the event and her “take” on it. The event was successful and included people from the Northern Colorado Marriage Encounter. Sue did note that the volunteer roster was down about 25%.
- Discussion – Pastoral Letter on Consultative role of PPC: The majority of the meeting was focused on this subject. It points out that the pastor is the spiritual father of his parish and the council has been directed to advise him and assist him in achieving the purpose and mission of the parish. The letter brings up four areas assistance to the pastor as well as 17 basic items of pastoral work in a parish. In this meeting we reviewed the letter once again; in the next meeting we will start strategizing on how we can best address these points.

There is serious consideration for keeping the present Council for one more year to keep continuity in helping Father implement his mission and goals for Sacred Heart of Mary for the next year. Father, as well as the Council members, will consider this possibility. In any case, the next time the Council members are chosen for the outgoing members, Father himself will select the new members, changing the process to be more in keeping with the directions of the diocese.

Our March meeting will be scheduled for half a day, during which we can start the strategic planning process, forming a Mission Statement and setting goals on making our parish a true Sanctuary of Sanctity.

Roundtable Discussion:

- The Lenten Parish Almsgiving Program was discussed, with alternatives to monetary giving, such as doing service work appropriate to the ages of the children.
- Frank brought to our attention that the Komen Race for the Cure also supports planned parenthood and that we should start letting other people know about this.
- Frank also mentioned that the **Living the Catholic Faith Conference**, to be held February 27 and 28, would be a very worthwhile conference for us to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm with a closing prayer led by Father Mallick.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2009 beginning with 8 am Mass and followed by a half-day meeting in the SHM offices (scheduled to end at noon).