

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2010

*In Attendance:* Frank Beck, Mandy Best, Nancy Dickinson, Bob Fox, Fr. Mallick, Dennis Zuiker, Jim Raikes

*Absent:* Jan Driscoll, Sue Jackson, Teri Ohan

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

### **Father Mallick's Comments**

Father Mallick reminded the PPC members that the Parish Mission will take place next week and it is considered a Re-Treat, a time for the Parish as a whole to review where it is going. It is important that the PPC attend every night, Monday through Thursday.

### **Agenda Items**

Sue Jackson met with Fr. Mallick to discuss the new format for the Time and Talent forms. She will prepare a draft to be sent first to the staff and then to the PPC before the next meeting. We need to find new ways of informing people and drawing them in; we should invite people to participate in an activity where we see a fit, rather than wait for people to step up. A T&T Fair was discussed and a timeline for sign-up as well as a new approach in separating the Liturgical Ministry from the other activities. Time and Talent will be addressed more specifically at the April meeting.

Objectives for the Council between now and June 2010 also include:

- The Succession Plan for the Council
- The Corpus Christi procession and parish picnic. The May meeting will be dedicated to this event.
- The Parish Mission Statement. Bob Fox suggested that we table it until the next Council is established. Frank suggested that the staff should build it and then bring it to the PPC. Father Mallick informed us that he had presented it to the staff in detail at a staff meeting and that the staff would start building goals pertaining to their departments.

“Learn your Parish” – Bob suggested that since a number of people have left the parish, we need to find new people to get involved in some of the activities that have been left without leadership. A meeting of new parishioners could be held once a quarter, with Father personally inviting the new families, having some appetizers and beverages available, and then having people currently active in different ministries available to meet with these families and discuss areas of potential interest. For instance, if there are families with teen-agers, George could give a spiel. This would be a sort of “Welcome Wagon,” giving an opportunity for the new members to meet other new members and learn what is going on in the parish. It is hoped that the first meeting can occur in April.

“Opinions of the Core Parishioner” was discussed. The paper indicates that less than 1/3 of Catholics agree with moral issues and dogma of the Catholic Church. It was agreed by the Council that these statistics are a fair representation of SHM parish. Jim Raikes suggested that this could be the result of people not knowing their faith and the magisterium. Frank feels we should put more emphasis on catechesis in the future and thus direct more money to it.

### **Action Items/Next Meeting**

- Discuss the Time and Talent Form.
- Plan first “Learn your Parish” event.
- Preplan the Corpus Christi procession and picnic.

### **Roundtable Discussion**

None of the Council members had anything to discuss.

Father Mallick led the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the SHM Office Conference Room.**