

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2010

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

*Absent:* Teri Ohan

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

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

Father Mallick asked the Council for their impressions and comments regarding Lent and Holy Week. Frank Beck lauded the Mission. The Parish Mission was well attended. People expressed a desire for another Parish Mission. The Sacred Triduum was also well attended. It was noted that the Easter Masses in the church were well attended. It was also noted that the Easter Masses in the Hall were not well attended.

Father expressed disappointment that there were no baptisms at the Easter Vigil. He reminded the Pastoral Council that due to our baptism everyone is called to evangelization and invite people to become Christian. The Church exists to bring all people the light of Christ. When there are baptisms it is the sign of spiritual health in a Parish. Father handed out a quotation from 1 John 1-3 that reinforced this very point. We want to evangelize because we desire people to have what St. John calls "fellowship" with us.

Father Mallick was asked to update the Pastoral Council on the events at SHJ. Father Mallick had limited access to the event. The event regarded a lesbian couple who was informed that their children would not be allowed to enroll in first grade.

Fr. Mallick asked us to pray especially for the Holy Father in light of the bad publicity that is happening right now. Father told us that the papers are getting bits of the story, mostly out of context, and publicizing it.

### **Agenda Items**

The Council reviewed the revised Time and Talent sign-up sheet, which was prepared by Sue Jackson and also reviewed and revised by the staff. Several recommendations were made; ie, changing the title, "Social Justice" to "Works of Mercy"; adding the word "Instructors" at the end of Religious Education to clarify that it is not sign up for RE, and other similar changes. The dates that are covered by the sign-up need some clarification. It is expected that the Time and Talent form will go out to the parish on the weekend of August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bob Fox handed out the summary of the 2009 SHM Parish Picnic. This year's picnic will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, together with the Corpus Christi procession. It was suggested that a list of the new parish members be prepared and personal calls be made by Council members to these new members, inviting them to the picnic.

The next meeting will be mostly dedicated to finalizing the picnic, and some of the planning will take place via email between now and the next meeting.

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

- Plan first “Learn your Parish” event.
- Plan the Corpus Christi procession and picnic.
- Inclusion of personal calls to new members, inviting them to the picnic.
- Succession Plan for the Parish Pastoral Council.

### **Roundtable Discussion**

None of the Council members had anything to discuss.

Father Mallick led the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 7:00 pm in the SHM Office Conference Room.**