

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2009

In Attendance: Frank Beck, Mandy Best, Nancy Dickinson, Jan Driscoll, Fr. Mallick, Jim Raikes, Dennis Zuiker

Absent: Bob Fox, Sue Jackson, Teri Ohan

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm. Father Mallick led the opening prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

A summary of the parish picnic was prepared by Bob Fox and all agreed it was very well done. It was noted that we had one volunteer who spent the whole picnic in the kitchen doing dishes. Our thanks to her.

Other comments to several parish council members were that people liked the Corpus Christi Procession and hope it will be repeated in future years.

New Business

Father Mallick notified the Council that Paddy Bray was leaving the office to pursue a new direction in her career. Marie Raikes will be the interim office manager for the near future.

It was noted that Time and Talent numbers of volunteers has slipped over the past few years. Some volunteers are becoming burned out, and it seems like a good time to look at our Stewardship programs in a new way to direct each of us to Time & Talent (faith in action), Catechesis, Prayer, and Tithing.

The booklet describing the Ministries will be updated, and the sign-up sheet will be reorganized to better direct the volunteers. The "Social Groups & Committees" section will be eliminated from the sheet, but will be summarized in the booklet, with a note that says, "*Please watch the bulletin for details.*" It was thought that the social events can be advertised in the bulletin several months before the activity to be sure that people who sign up will be available for the events.

Another possibility would be to have two separate sign-up sheets (color coded), with Liturgical Ministry, Spiritual Opportunities and Service Opportunities on one sheet and Social Groups & Committees on another, with a note to choose at least one activity on each sheet.

The agenda items regarding Liturgical Ministries and Parish Pastoral Plan will be postponed until the next meeting.

Roundtable Discussion

The Pastoral Parish Council will be responsible for the reception celebrating Father Mallick's installation as Pastor of Sacred Heart of Mary. A sub-committee will meet to make the arrangements for the reception.

Father Mallick led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Please note change in date: August 20, 2009 beginning at 7:00 pm in the SHM offices.