

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2009

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

Absent None

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

Old Business

The Time and Talent sign-up form was reviewed. There are some changes in the way it is set out, making sections for Liturgical help, Service, Social and Catechesis. It was suggested that the heading needs something to bring people's attention to it, as the banner has been nearly the same for some years. However, the words, "Time and Talent" will not be eliminated. The Council members were invited to think of some attention-getting sub-heading for the sheet and send to Fr. Mallick. All comments and feedback should be turned in by September 4. Additionally, it was suggested that another sheet, describing in short detail each ministry, should be attached to the Time & Talent sign-up sheet.

This weekend will be dedicated to Religious Education sign-up, and Fr. Mallick shared his "Musing" column with us. The Council needs to be as proactive as possible to market the courses that are being offered this year. As "Wine & Cheese" and "Coffee and Donuts" are being postponed until September 12 and 13, it was suggested that booths be set up again in the hall for religious education and other ministries to encourage people to sign up for Time and Talent.

Stewardship of Prayer will be highlighted on September 26 and 27; and Tithing will be the subject on November 7 and 8, with commitment asked for by November 14 & 15.

New Business

The second half of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the parish pastoral plan, specifically its identity and mission statement. Father Mallick explained both the identity and the mission in his words, exemplified by the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. We, the Council members, have been given the task to see how we can describe both the identity and the mission in a way that is more comprehensible to the people, without losing the content. How do we raise the education of the people; how do we begin to evangelize the parish? We will each come to the next meeting with our attempts in hand. This paper should be seen as a form of catechesis and explanation of who we are as a Catholic Parish. We need to "let go" of our thoughts of developing a corporate mission (being one that usually consists of a few sentences).

Roundtable Discussion

Due to the lateness of the hour, there was no roundtable discussion.

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

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2009 beginning at 7:00 pm in the SHM offices.