

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2009

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

Absent: Bob Fox, Sue Jackson

The meeting was convened at 7:05 pm. Father Mallick led the opening prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Father Mallick's Comments

Father Mallick explained that the mandating of Extraordinary Ministers is a requirement of the Archdiocese and three times and places had been scheduled, one of which is at SHM. He explained that if an Extraordinary Minister does not go to one of the sessions and does not receive a certificate, that person will not be able to serve for this coming year.

Server training is being offered to all fourth-grade through high school youth at SHM. All youth are encouraged to serve so that they may learn the Mass. It is also a great way to encourage vocations, especially among the boys.

There are small changes being made to the liturgy that will put us into a fuller conformity with the Roman Ritual rubrics.

Father will be away on vacation from November 18 through the 30th.

A short discussion of the Aimee Cooper series, "Understanding the Catholic Gospel," took place. The people who attended felt that she gave a good, broad history of the Church up to Vatican II.

James Cavanagh will offer 6 sessions on the *Lumen Gentium* beginning in late January.

Old Business

It was moved and agreed to table the Parish Mission Statement until after the *Lumen Gentium* series.

New Business

Jim Raikes had some concerns about parishioners leaving the SHM parish. He suggested we should all recommend having the departing parishioner talk to Father before he/she make the final decision. This also can be suggested to the person who tells one of us about someone who is leaving.

Father gave an update on Time and Talent. Regarding the Liturgical scheduling, Father has asked particular people to take charge of scheduling each ministry; ie, ushers, servers, extraordinary ministers, sacristans, readers. The schedules will be planned for three months out and will be updated quarterly. This should keep the ministries covered all year, as people don't have to project so far out.

Father also indicated that about 60-65% of tithing cards have been received. In the past, the parish has received tithing pledges as late as January.

The Children's Religious Education program was discussed, and all seems to be going well.

The Pastoral Council will have their Christmas Party on December 13th at Jim and Marie Raikes' home beginning at 5pm. As a result, there will be no formal PPC meeting in December. Frank Beck will invite the Finance Council to join our party.

Roundtable Discussion

It was mentioned that the numbers of people attending the monthly Saturday evening Wine and Cheese have decreased. The Coffee and Donuts social activity numbers are down as well. Suggestions were to keep an eye on the participation and, certainly, cut back on the refreshments to allow for the decrease.

Father Mallick led the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2009 beginning at 7:00 pm in the SHM offices.