

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. John Hennessey, , Mike Finley, Bill Zorc, Sue Zimmer, Russ Lehocky; Rena Calanca, Ann Oakley, Gerrie Neville Eric Gall, Rick Curschman, Ted Polk, Tom Dutton, Brian Will, Roland Catherall Jack Pepping, Paul Aichele.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Everyone was in attendance. Previous month's minutes were accepted.

OPENING PRAYER: Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel: John 20: 19-21. Responses included: Peace be with you, needing physical evidence to believe and the succession of church from the time of Jesus to today.

PARISH MISSION REFLECTION

We strive to make our Mission Statement more than just words. The PPC is working to make the Mission a living document through our initiatives and directives.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father discussed with us the challenging times all of us are facing today financially. Under current conditions we are projecting a short fall for 2010. We have relied on the rental properties income in the past. Unfortunately, the financial return to the parish has not been as good as in the past. The goal is to learn to live within our means without the rental income. Father opened discussion on different courses of action the parish may take and what options are open to us. Many PPC member provided opinions. Father asked us to think of our parish as a family and as a family of faith we need to cover both our business and spiritual needs. It was suggested to open a dialog with our parish on how we are doing. Many parishioners may not know and may be willing to help out more. Father also said that as a parish, we may be served with only one or two priests in the near future due to a priest shortage. We then discussed forming a task or steering group, headed by Roland Catherall, to explore options concerning the needs of our parish, the role of the PPC and the idea of performing a census of our 4,200 families and their needs. Several PPC members offered to join the subcommittee. This task group will create a list of wants / needs / and potential actions to bring back to our next meeting. Father suggested the PPC as the driving force behind going to our parishioners to ask for more help, more volunteering and more lay based ministry based on parishioners' needs.

CHAIR REPORT:

Jack discussed continuation of members of the PPC. He will send an email out to everyone asking their willingness and desire to continue for another year. We also need to think about new PPC members. Kevin Murphy has been working with us over the past several months. We have appreciated his contribution and thank him for facilitating our meeting and helping our PPC form and change. Jack extends a thank you to Kevin and reminds us to make sure we hold onto the changes Kevin helped us make.

COMMISSION REPORTS / HIGHLIGHTS:

Faith Formation: NR (no report this month).

Human Concerns: NR

Spiritual Life: NR

Stewardship: NR

Parish Life: NR.

Finance: NR.

LISTENINGS : Positive comments about the Music Ministry at the Easter masses.

Next meeting is May 12, 7:00 PM in Loughry Room; Rena Calanca & Mike Finley will lead our prayer, Breaking Open The Word.

Schedule for Breaking Open the Word:

June 9, Rick Curschman, Ann Oakley

Closing prayer and adjournment