

Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Meeting Notes

Present:

Fr. John Hennessey
Paul Aichele
Paula Boll
Roland Catherall
Jim Connell
Michael Harrison
John Jurecko
Randy Nipper
Ann Oakley
Rena Calanca

PPC Council candidates:

John Flayter
Dan Kraft
Tony Guarino
Mike Mulligan
Bob Schieffer
Barb Walters
Tom Sear (not present)

Father John began the meeting with an opening prayer (Come Holy Spirit) that invoked the Spirit to be with us on this night of discernment to find replacements for members who had served their term on the Council.

Father John then went on to present a preview of this year's Stewardship of Treasure planned offering pledge: "Can you share one hour" initiative. This is a three week initiative calling all parish members to give of their material resources in a way that is planned, proportionate and in gratitude. The message will be presented at Masses during the weeks of September 18th, 25th, and October 2nd (Pledge weekend).

Michael Knight then presented an update on the Lake County United (a broad-based citizen organization comprised of 38 churches, synagogues, mosques and non-profits that works to improve the quality of life of Lake County residents). The organization targeted program is Waukegan to College (W2C) which helps disadvantaged students prepare for, achieve admission to, and succeed in college. Our goal is to help spread the work and have parishioners attend "W2C information night" on Thursday, September 2nd at 7pm in the Formation Center (Room C).

After Michael and other members of the Lake County United organization finished, they left and we proceeded to commence with our “Evening of Reflection” and Discernment for Parish Pastoral Council.

The PPC candidates listed above were asked to briefly describe their reasons for wanting to become members of the PPC, and their relevant thoughts regarding the future of the Parish as we enter into a period of transition. All candidates were very thoughtful in their comments, and were affirmed for their interest and desire to become engaged. Emphasis was stressed on the need for involvement with other ministries and committees within the Parish, and that there were only four (4) openings available on the PPC.

Refreshments were served (thanks Mike), and the candidates were excused. At this point the PPC member’s first thanked God for the abundance of good candidates, and began the discernment process to choose new members.

We concluded that there were 5 very good candidates that should be invited to join the PPC. Roland Catherall suggested that he could become a “ex officio” member of the PPC and focus his efforts on the Task Force, thus accommodating the 5 new members. Consensus was reached and Barb Walters, John Flayter, Tony Guarino, Mike Mulligan and Bob Schieffer were chosen to be the new PPC members. Dan Kraft was going to be asked to join the task force, and encouraged to attend CRHP in the fall. Tom Sear was going to be asked to consider joining the Finance Committee.

The last item of discussion for the evening was the PPC Servant Leadership Retreat scheduled for September 17th. We explored putting it off until October, but it was decided that this date could not be changed. Rena Calanca and Mike Harrison offered to work on pulling it together, along with the help of the leadership team.

We closed the evening with a prayer thanking God for the large number of PPC candidates, and for a successful discernment ceremony. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jurecko