

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. John Hennessey, Tom Dutton, Mike Finley, Ted Polk, Sue Zimmer, ; Rena Calanca, Ann Oakley, Gerrie Neville Eric Gall, Rick Curschman, Jack Pepping, Paul Aichele.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: , Bill Zorc Brian Will, Russ Lehocky, Roland Catherall.

The previous month's minutes were approved.

OPENING PRAYER: Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel:

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, directives and incarnated.

CHAIR REPORT:

Jack discussed the new identity we are developing for the PPC. He has gotten positive feedback from many of the members who are very pleased with the changes. Everyone is open to participate and share their opinions without too much of a restriction of time. We will still aim to end at 9:00.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father asked us to discuss how the current financial situation is affecting us. We discussed uncertainty, retirement issues, planning problems and a general uneasiness. Many are in favor of the economic stimulus package but are taking everything one day at a time. We feel insecure but still optimistic. Father asked us how we can, as a faith community, help our people. Our priests are hearing not just the story of faith but also the story of hope from many parishioners that the economy to gets better soon. The reaction to the economy by the finance committee has been to stay the course, reduce by remain positive. Collections have remained flat, however if treasure is down, time and talent may be able to grow. Discussion of our finances will be an ongoing discussion for us over the next several months.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOCUS, We invited the Faith Formation Commission back to discuss formation, structure and commission transition. Regina Thibeau, John Scanlan and Eric Gall were in attendance from the commission. PPC members provided thoughts and insights for the commission's review and also asked for the Spirit to help all our commissions.

COMMISSION REPORTS: (we did not have time for commission reports)

Faith Formation: .

Human Concerns: .

Spiritual Life:

Stewardship:

Parish Life:

Finance: .

LISTENINGS

- Parishioners appreciated that the church did not press collections due to the economy.

Next meeting is March 10, 7:00 PM in Loughry Room; Ted Polk and Paul Aichele will lead our prayer on Breaking Open The Word.

Schedule for Breaking Open the Word:

March 10, Ted Polk, Paul Aichele

April 14, Eric Gall, Roland Catherall

May 12, Ann Oakley, Michael Finley

June 9, Rick Curschman, Rena Calanca

Closing prayer and adjournment;