

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 2009 - Room 201

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

[Reminder to all Council members: The meetings need to begin on time because all members have other matters to tend to at home and elsewhere, particularly after school starts, so an on-time beginning leads to a timely completion of the business of the Council. Also, members are reminded to notify someone else on the Council if they cannot attend or will be late.]

Members of the Council present: Michelle Dahnke, Claire Duchemin, Pat Beckett, Pat Hall, Ginny Nelson, Regina D'Souza, Steve Goodwin, and Donna Biggins.

Regina D'Souza led the Council's faith sharing.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Michelle made a few announcements about the updated parish website, the upcoming ministry fair on September 26-27, 2009, and the celebration of World Priest Day on October 18, 2009. The Council discussed the recently completed parish mission and comments and suggestions for improving. Claire Duchemin is soliciting Council volunteers to assist in compiling the survey data and the evaluation data. The survey data may be useful to various parish ministries, including the new evangelization goal team.

The Council proceeded to finalize the following goals and objectives for the coming year. The following were affirmed by the Council:

Goal 1: To create an ongoing ministry that will plan and implement at least one parish mission per year.

OBJECTIVES:

1 - Revise, review, and present to the Pastoral Council for affirmation the Mission Planning Manual by December 2009.

2 - By December 2009, secure three-year commitments from a total of ten parishioners to establish the Mission Planning Team.

3 - Schedule an annual Parish Mission for the next three years in coordination with the Adult Faith Formation Advisory Team, contracting with outside speakers and scheduling on the parish calendar by June 2010.

Goal 2: To encourage registered parishioners to become more fully involved in the sacramental and community life of the parish.

1 - To provide a method, by December 2009, to follow-up with newly registered parishioners and with people who recently received or participated in the sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

2 - To begin implementation of the follow-up plan no later than March 2010.

Goal 3: Prayerfully form an Evangelization Core Community who will provide leadership and coordination in the area of evangelization and who will welcome all in the name of Christ Jesus.

Objectives for Goal 3 are still being decided. Council members are encouraged to bring their ideas for Goal Team 3 objectives to the next meeting.

The members of the goal teams, at least preliminarily, are:

Goal Team 1: Pat Hall, Marcie Vernon, Donna Biggins and other members who will discern if this is the right team for them before the next Council meeting.

Goal Team 2: Bill and Pat Beckett, Regina D'Souza, Ginny Nelson, Claire Duchemin.

Goal Team 3: Michelle Dahnke , Steve Goodwin and other members who will discern if this is the right team for them before the next Council meeting.

Before the meeting closed, Claire Duchemin asked Council members to think about whether they would occasionally like to meet either at someone's house or at a local restaurant in a private room. Of course, the meetings, as always, would still be open to all members of the parish who might have an interest in attending.

Steve Goodwin led the closing prayer. Pat Beckett volunteered to do the faith sharing at the next meeting which is scheduled for September 8, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.