

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 9, 2010

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

Members of the Council present: Michelle Dahnke, Claire Duchemin, Pat Hall, Pat Beckett, Bill Beckett, Regina D'Souza, Michael Graddy, Donna Biggins, Rob Siedlecki, and Father Michael Foley. Roman Fontenot, a guest, was also present.

Pat Beckett led the Council in faith sharing.

The minutes from the February 2010 meeting were approved.

Michelle Dahnke thanks the members of the Council and their families for assisting with the soup and Stations of the Cross on February 19, 2010. She reminded members of the Council about the upcoming SouthwoodStock Music and Arts Festival at John Paul II Catholic High School on March 20th. Michelle reviewed the ways we are recruiting new members for the Council. Claire is going to provide a flyer to use with the RE families to try to encourage people to attend the informational meeting on April 7th.

The goal teams provided reports on their progress. Pat Hall provided a report on Goal Team #1 and said that the team met with some of the members of the Adult Faith Formation ministry and all agreed that asking the Sacred Heart Sisters to put on the parish Mission in 2011 would be a good idea. She also reported on the progress for the 2010 Mission and the progress the team is making on advertising and marketing for the program. Father Mike encouraged the team to consider calling all parishioners again, if enough personnel could be found to carry out the task. The Council discussed the merits of the hospitality sessions after each night of the Mission. Many parishioners liked the socializing aspect, and one Council member called it the "icing on the cake." Even if the food is not elaborate, the Council members think that offering some type of event after the Mission program is a good idea.

Goal Team #2 met in February and had a productive meeting discussing the existing data base programs that the parish can access to begin the neighborhood mentoring program. The team is also moving ahead with plans to set up a parish Facebook to communicate regularly with different members of the parish about upcoming events. The team members believe that moving the parish into the newest technologies is critical to attracting and maintaining the younger population of the parish. The goal team also reported that they discussed the idea of a high school senior/returning college freshmen social event with parish youth director, Paul, and he is willing to assist in planning and putting on such an event. It will provide another possible way to have Catholic young people mentor each other through the first year or two of college.

Michelle reported on the progress of Goal Team #3. Thankfully, more than fifteen parishioners have joined the team. They are moving forward with establishing the core evangelization group for the parish. They will continue to research, study, and read to determine their major areas of focus.

Father Mike offered some closing remarks. Regina agreed to lead faith sharing at the April meeting. The members thanked Roman Fontenot for his interest in the Council and for attending the session. Rob led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:30.