

# Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting

August 16, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Members of the Council in attendance were Jennifer and Dennis Scarry, Ginger Obst, Lesley Harris, Ann Funk, Mary Farmer, Mary Forrestall, Bill Alfred, Kathleen Wright, Pat Beckett, Bill Beckett, and Steven Quintero.

Pat Beckett opened with a prayer and with the Faith Sharing.

Minutes from July 11, 2011 retreat were reviewed and approved.

Pat discussed setting a new Goal for Team 2, the Evangelization Team, from the Bishop's Letter, "Go and Make Disciples." That document's Goal II was: "To invite all people in the United States, whatever their social or cultural background, to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ so they may come to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith."

Pat reviewed the differences between a goal and an objective.

Leslie reviewed the last Evangelization Core Committee meeting where resources, deacons assisting, and Paulist Evangelization kit were mentioned.

Pat explained the difference between Goal Team 2 and Evangelization Core committee which are one in the same.

Next we all contributed to the Pastoral council evaluation regarding evangelization.

Present activities and strengths in Evangelization are:

Healing nights *	RCIA
CRHP **	Mother's Morning Out
Prison Ministry	ECC starting group
Thanksgiving meals	Good News Outreach
Welcome home program	Catholics returning Home
Centering Prayer retreat	Joint events
Christmas angels	Christmas food baskets
Youth ministry	Religious Education
Neighborhood outreach	School supplies
Social Justice Ministries	PHI Center
Open Door clinic	Pax Christi
Catholic charities	Craft Fair
Garage sale	Good News Outreach
Neighborhood groups	Gabriel Project

Challenges and needs in Evangelization are:

Lack of training and comfort level in sharing faith one on one \*\*\*

Difficult to speak to others- easier if an opportunity arises

Help people focus at other times and integrate into daily life

Use of media/ flashes

Taking fear out of the word, evangelization

Being open to opportunity

Apologetics – Catholic teaching \*

Uncertainty about whether you need to be politically correct / being sensitive

Build awareness and empower in the Catholic community about what evangelization is and the mission to do it

Emphasize personal touch – conversation

Personal renewal needed first

More outreach to inactive Catholics

Increase evangelization activities within our present ministries

Special emphasis was put on training and teaching and building awareness of the need to evangelize.

Kathleen suggested a new goal for Goal Team 2 could be:

“To equip and empower our active Catholic members to exercise their Baptismal call to evangelize.” This is taken directly from the Bishop’s letter, Goal 2 strategies.

This was discussed and all affirmed the new goal.

Homework for the next meeting is to write 3 objectives for this new goal. All received copies of the Goals and strategies from the Bishop’s letter.

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 13, 2011.

Ann Funk to lead the Faith Sharing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.