

**MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 - Room 201 - Parish Center**

Meeting was called to order by Michelle Dahnke, Pastoral Council Coordinator at 7:10 p.m.

Members of the Council present: Michelle Dahnke, Claire Duchemin, Dee Lopez, Bob Blythe, Bill Beckett, Beverly B., and Father Mike. Also present was one possible new Council member who is discerning whether she wants to volunteer to serve.

Claire Duchemin led faith sharing.

March minutes were approved as corrected.

The Council tackled the Goal 3 language and objectives. Michelle Dahnke announced that the “returning home” idea has been adopted by the Adult Faith Formation ministry as one of their objectives, so we began the process of looking at our potential objectives. After much discussion, the Council decided to actually adopt two goals for the coming year. Goal #3 would remain: “To encourage registered parishioners to become more fully involved in the sacramental and community life of the parish.” The objectives we discerned are:

- 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.

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

The new Goal #4 language has not been fully discerned but the general gist of the idea is “To establish a core community, by December 2009, to develop a plan for evangelization that is not limited to registered parishioners.” Because we were running short of time, Dee agreed to try to come up with some language to finalize these matters at the May meeting. One of the reasons we decided to go with two new goals is because at the start of the new year in July, it is quite likely Goals #1 and #2 will be finished and we will need to adopt new goals to replace those two. Also, we wanted to be able to focus both on internal evangelization among registered parishioners, and on external evangelization in the community at large.

We discussed the need for more personal invitations to parishioners to serve on Pastoral Council and looked through the Parish Directory for additional ideas of possible members to whom we might want to extend personal invitations. The next meeting for those who might be interested in Tuesday, April 29th. Everyone is encouraged to issue personal invitations.

Father Mike provided some closing remarks. Bev agreed volunteered for faith sharing at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Next meeting: May 12, 7:00p.m.