

MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL ANNUAL RETREAT AND MEETING
Tuesday, June 9, 2009 - Parish Community Center

Our retreat was called to order by Pat Beckett at 5:30 p.m.

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

The members of the Council began the retreat by introducing themselves to the rest of the group. We participated in faith sharing, including music and a bread ceremony. After faith sharing, we recessed the retreat to share a covered-dish dinner with one another.

Following the dinner break, we resumed our retreat. Pat Beckett provided an overview of the agenda for the retreat and an explanation of the role and the history of the Pastoral Council at Good Shepherd. She explained the interaction between Pastoral Council and the other parish leadership communities. Pat also reviewed the tenets of faith sharing and the shared wisdom process.

Father Mike led us in a blessing and commissioning of the Council members. Father also commented on the shared wisdom process and the role of the Pastoral Council in parish affairs.

Michelle provided an overview and report on the general accomplishments of the Council during the last year, and she indicated several matters that still require attention. Pat Hall discussed the report Marcie Vernon submitted for Goal Team #1. Pat Beckett reported on Goal Team #2, sharing the report from Brenda Popp. Pat Beckett also discussed the Council's recently completed adoption of Goal #3 and its objectives. She discussed Goal #4 also and the need for objectives for that Goal. The Council members engaged in the shared wisdom process to determine whether to retain or deem completed Goals #1 and #2. The consensus of the Council is that Goal #1 will be retained and Goal #2 is deemed completed. The Council agreed that all members needed to review the objectives of Goal #1 and think of additions or changes to the objectives. Members of the Council are invited to forward their ideas to Claire and Pat so that they can bring them to the next goal team meeting for additional discussion. The goal team then will bring the recommendations for altering the objectives to the July Pastoral Council meeting. Michelle encouraged all members to prayerfully review and consider potential ideas for objectives for Goal #4.

Pat Beckett advised the members to consider whether they would be interested in serving in a leadership role on the Council. The positions of leadership on the Council are Council Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator and Communications Coordinator and Assistant Communications Coordinator. Current Officers, Michelle Dahnke and Claire Duchemin can continue in their roles for an additional year. Pat asked Michelle and Claire to prayerfully discern if they would like to continue in their respective roles of Pastoral Council Coordinator and Communications Coordinator. If they so discern, they should notify Pat before the next Council meeting. If they choose to continue, then the Council will affirm them and go on to discern the other officers. The discernment process will take place at the July Council meeting.

A fun activity - How well do you know the other Pastoral Council members? - was played before the final closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.