

**MINUTES OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 10, 2009
Room 201 - Parish Center**

Meeting was called to order by Dee Lopez, Assistant Pastoral Council Coordinator at 7:07 p.m.

Members of council present: Bill Beckett, Pat Beckett, Beverly Bajerski, Claire Duchemin, Bob Blythe, Father Michael Foley, Dee Lopez, Pat Hall.

Beverly led us in faith sharing.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Dee circulated the information for our sponsorship of one of the Lenten Soup and Stations of the Cross events on Friday, March 13, 2009. Those present signed up. Because we need more volunteers for the event, Dee will be circulating the sign-up sheet to all Council members with a request that those who have not signed up please do so and bring a friend also.

The Council generally discussed the need for new members. At least five members of the Council will have completed their three year service this year. Pat went over the procedure normally used to recruit new members. We all were also encouraged to invite people who might be interested. At the March Council meeting, we will discuss more about this and the informational session for possible new members.

We began the task of finalizing our third goal. To help with the working of the goal and our process of adopting objectives, we looked at the information in the US Bishop's letter on evangelization "Go and Make Disciples" which is available on line at www.usccb.org/evangelization/foandmake/eng.shtml. We focused on Goal 2 of the letter which addresses reaching out to bring others to the fullness of the Catholic faith including the unchurched and inactive Catholics. Eventually, after much discussion, we all agreed that we wanted to avoid labeling anyone as "non-participating" or "not practicing" or "inactive." The language the Council members affirmed through the process of shared wisdom is:

Goal #3: To encourage registered parishioners to become more fully involved in the sacramental and community life of the parish.

Some members were concerned that our focus would be lost because we changed the goal language and it seemed to be broader. We decided, however, that we could target the people we are trying to reach by gearing the objectives towards those who may be registered in the parish but not attending Mass and those who might attend Mass only at Christmas or Easter.

The Council also discussed the need for proper training in evangelization. We have a parishioner, Terry Reilly, former Family Life Director and evangelization coordinator for the Dioceses of Miami and Venice. He has volunteered to come in and share some thoughts on evangelization with us. We

decided it would probably be a good idea to invite him to one of our meetings and possibly to have him work with the Goal Team once it is formed.

We brainstormed some ideas to use as objectives and came up with the attached list, Exhibit A. These will be discussed, fine-tuned, and some of them adopted at the next meeting. Please be sure to see the attached list and bring more ideas to our next meeting.

Also, we need to remind everyone that Marcie needs volunteers to help with the movie on Sunday, March 8 after the 6:00 Mass.

We closed with a prayer for the Mission.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Faith sharing for next meeting: Pat Hall

EXHIBIT A TO MINUTES OF 2/10/09:

GOAL #3:

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

Suggested, first draft of general objectives from brainstorming session:

- Implement programs for those who have ceased being active in the church:
 - reconciliation
 - divorced/separated
 - annulment information sessions
- Phone contact with all parishioners with an invitation to the parish mission
- Mail out postcard to parishioners with invitation to all participation levels - fall 2009
- Provide evening for returning Catholics (include food)
- Provide evening of evangelization training (include food)
- "Invite a friend to Mass" Sunday
- Family-oriented evangelization activities
- Follow-up after sacraments
- Parish visitation
- Purchase Bibles and hand out to members of community
- Start an evangelization committee
- Proclaim the good news to families, friends, and co-workers
- Send out invitations from parish priests
- Have neighborhood evangelization meetings in parking lot
- Visit door-to-door with brochures
- Reach out through children in RE program