

Minutes for the Pastoral Council Meeting October 14, 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

In Attendance: Michelle Dahnke, Pat Beckett, Bill Beckett, Dottie Alfred, Claire Duchemin, Bev Bajersky, Pat Hall, Jerry Latimer, Bob Blythe, Christine McClelland

Not Present: Kari Albers, Dee Lopez, Marcie Vernon

Opening Prayer: Michelle Dahnke

Scripture and Faith Sharing: Pat Hall

Minutes: The August and September minutes were approved as amended.

Announcements:

Michelle announced that she had contacted the five people who signed up for Pastoral Council at the Ministry Fair. She informed them that an information night for prospective members would be held in the spring and that they would be contacted again at that time. Pastoral Council membership begins in June.

Goals:

After reflection using the shared wisdom process, Council members affirmed that 2007-2008 Goal 3 would be continued for the 2008-2009 year. The first two objectives from 2007-2008 were completed. Objective three was modified from "Implement a ministry that reaches out to the elderly and homebound through visitation and phone calls" to "Continue to strengthen the ministry that reaches out to the elderly and homebound through visitation and phone calls by June 2009."

Three additional objectives were discerned about brainstorming and then sharing wisdom on the topics surfaced through the brainstorming. The final goal and objectives are as follows:

1. Develop a variety of ways to meet transportation needs of the elderly and homebound by June 2009.
2. Continue to strengthen the ministry focused on visitation and phone calls by June 2009.
3. Provide a workshop for Caregivers by April 2009.
4. Investigate ways to coordinate needs of the elderly for repairs with Good Shepherd Builds Ministry by June 2009.

A third goal needs to be discerned by Pastoral Council. This process requires prayer and reflection by all Pastoral Council members on where the parish is now and where we need to go in the future. Pat Beckett and Michelle Dahnke will review different ways to do this review and reflection and will distribute reflection questions to Pastoral Council members prior to the November meeting. Members should pray and reflect on these questions and be prepared to share their reflections at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be November 11, 2008 @ 7:00 pm. Pat Beckett or Jerry Latimer will lead the Faith Sharing at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm after a closing prayer by Dottie Alfred.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Alfred