

Minutes for the Pastoral Council Meeting August 12, 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm.

In Attendance: Pat Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Bill Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Michelle Dahnke (Pastoral Coordinator), Dottie Alfred (Communications Coordinator), Claire Duchemin (Assistant Communications Coordinator), Bev Bajerski, Jerry Latimer, Bob Blythe, Christine McClelland, Kari Albers, and Pat Hall.

Not Present: Father Michael Foley (Pastor), Dee Lopez (Assistant Pastoral Coordinator), and Marcie Vernon.

Opening Prayer: Michelle Dahnke

Scripture and Faith Sharing: Christine McClelland

Minutes: from the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Announcements: Michelle Dahnke read the following announcements:

- The parish web page has been updated with the Pastoral Council officers.
- Bev Bajerski gave a summation of the success of the Mission and the results of the evaluations of the Mission.
- The upcoming Ministry Fair is Sept. 27 and 28. Michelle Dahnke and Claire Duchemin will update the poster for the Pastoral Council. We need volunteers to man the table after each Mass. Michelle Dahnke will send a follow up e-mail asking for sign-ups so that pastoral council members can check with their families and check their schedules.
- Good Shepherd Welcoming Dinner for new parishioners will be Sept. 16 at 6:00 pm. Pastoral Council members have been asked to help host— please let Pat know if you'll be in attendance.

Review of 07-08 Goals:

GOAL 1: It was agreed that this Goal, along with Objective 2, has been referred to the Adult Faith Formation Team.

GOAL 2: Establish additional on-going parish experiences of faith that encourage the development of a personal relationship with Jesus (renewal rather than educational experiences).

Goal 2 Objectives:

1. By January 2008 form a standing Parish Mission Planning Team to plan regular parish missions to occur on at least an annual basis.
2. By April 2008 host monthly renewal nights that will incorporate music, prayer and to share and teach developing a personal faith relationship.
3. Identify facilities and opportunities for parishioners to attend retreats at facilities away from the Parish, and to publicize these opportunities to the Parish community.

Pat Beckett directed the Council members to consider whether Goal 2 should be continued as a Pastoral Council Goal, and also, if the established objectives should be continued. It was decided through Shared Wisdom to create an ongoing Ministry to plan parish missions. The new goal for the 08-09 year is, "To create an ongoing ministry that will plan and implement at least one parish mission per year." It was also decided that Objectives 2 and 3 for the 07-08 year Goal 2 had already been met.

To help the determination of objectives for the new goal in a reasonable manner, all Council members are to e-mail Michelle Dahnke with suggestions for the objectives for this new Mission Planning Goal.

Next meeting will be September 9, 2008 at 7 pm.

Pat Hall will lead the Faith Sharing at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm after a closing prayer by Jerry Latimer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Alfred