

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. John Hennessey, Bill Zorc, Russ Lehocky; Ann Oakley, Roland Catherall, Gerry Salzman, Mike Harrison, Paula Bole, Randy Nipper, John Jurecko Paul Aichele. We had Ann Rentsch and Sue Lehocky as visitors.

UNABLE TO ATTEND. Ted Polk, Rena Calanca, Jim Connell, Sue Zimmer, Gerrie Neville, Jim Connell. Previous month's minutes were accepted.

OPENING PRAYER: Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 7:36 – 8:3. Responses included: Christ's mastery of Teaching Moments, Reconciliation, Humility and Love is always deeper than we think.

PARISH MISSION REFLECTION

We strive to make our Mission Statement more than just words. The PPC is working to make the Mission a living document through our initiatives and directives.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father started by thanking everyone for their support and prayers in his sister's passing. He wanted our PPC to know that transition discussions are being had at staff meetings with the planned retirement of Father Val in 2011, Father John in 2012 and Father Ken in 2013. The discussions are looking to prepare the parish for what the transition may look like. More details will be forthcoming. Father will be putting together a Youth Ministry focus group, looking to help chart the Youth needs of the parish and what success in Youth Ministry should look like. Father thanked our departing PPC members: Russ Lehocky, Gerrie Neville, Sue Zimmer and Bill Zorc.

VICE CHAIR REPORT:

In Ted's absence, Paul discussed the summer gathering that will be on July 13th at Ted's house. Additional details will follow from Ted. A request was made to have our start time be 6:00 pm. We are planning on inviting interested potential members to the summer gathering. Prior to that date, several members have been tasked with phoning the potential new members to understand if they are interested and then setting up a coffee meeting with them to answer any questions.

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS:

Parish Life: Ann Rentsch and Sue Lehocky presented on all the good things happening in the commission. The group just finished reading and discussing The Engaged Church as their formation. Java with Joe and Name Tag Sunday has been very popular. Upcoming ministries hosting the coffee are: June – Music, July – Marriage, August (none yet), September – Mothers with Young Children. They asked if the PPC would like to host one in the future. Any group can host a coffee. They are looking for an independent ministry to host Java with Joe and looking for everyone to support their efforts and attend the programs. They discussed Neighborhood Joe's and the need a leader to take it over and a structure to create neighborhood captains to communicate parish happenings to their neighbors. Marriage Enrichment program has been well attended and needs our continued support and attendance. The next event will be Six Great Dates for Catholic Couples. Senior Joe's needs a new person to lead the group. They are planning a St Joseph's Table for the Fall. We discussed finding ways to attract young adults, 20-30 year olds to our parish in both participation and leadership positions.

Stewardship: Sue Lehocky presented highlights from the commission. Family Stewardship has an open leadership position. They will be participating in Strength Finders and Living Your Strengths in the Fall.

TASK FORCE:

Roland discussed the progress of the meetings since we last meet. The task force has had meetings with the focus group facilitators for the next round of parish wide focus groups. Dates will be posted at upcoming masses.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Gerry Salzman started a discussion concerning the Commission presentations and how we, as the PPC are to help and guide them along with responding to their needs. Specifically we discussed open volunteer, leadership positions available today on commissions and ministries based on the presentations we have heard so far from Human Concerns, Parish Life and Stewardship. He offered (and completed) to create a form for the commissions and ministries to fill out for openings. Jim Connell (via email) offered to head up the collection of openings and find ways to post and communicate the individual leadership needs. The goal of the postings will be to engage parishioners who may not know there are opportunities they can participate in and lead.

Next meeting is July 13, 6:00 PM at Ted Polk's house for a social.
More details to follow from Ted.

Closing prayer and adjournment