

December 6, 2006 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
7:00 pm

OPENING PRAYER: Therese (7:15)

**Present: Marilyn Wickel, Dana Wilson, Therese Shick, Mary Connolly, Bill Gerristead, Lyle Garcia, Ron Pojedinec, and Fr. Bill. Jim DeVito participated by telephone.**

**Absent: Pam Stewart**

1. APPROVAL OF 11/11/06 MINUTES (Mary/Lyle) **No corrections.**
2. PC MEMBER EFFECTIVENESS (Mary/Jim) **It was felt that the summary captured our roles and responsibilities. It was seen as a method for individual “examination” of our own strengths and weaknesses. It was suggested that we think of creative ways in which to periodically use this tool during a meeting, perhaps in an affirming manner. It was also suggested that the list and a discussion of the points be included in the discernment of possible new Pastoral Council members.**
3. “LEADERSHIP” AREA OF PARISH LIFE (Dana) **There was much discussion as to the direction the Pastoral Council should take in this area of the Five Year Plan. It was agreed that we are the group who is accountable for the goals and strategies in this area; we need to take ownership. Some of the suggestions included: forming a committee, contacting the diocese regarding workshops and training, doing a parish-wide seminar or Town Meeting with speakers on the topic of leadership, and providing sessions for current ministry and volunteer leaders on the Shared Wisdom concepts. Each Pastoral Council member was asked to review the Leadership section of the Five Year Plan (p. 10) and that at our January meeting we will come up with a first step by prioritizing 2 or 3 action plans for the 2007 year.**
4. RADIO SHOW PROPOSAL AND QUARTERLY COFFEES UPDATE (Pam) **In Pam’s absence the radio show proposal was tabled. Therese offered to coordinate the first coffee in February. She will check the parish calendar and choose a weekend. She will be in touch with the Pastoral Council for other volunteers.**
5. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REVIEW (Lyle) **The Committee had its first meeting. Initially 9 parishioners had volunteered and after the Town Meeting 2 others stepped forward. All were able to attend the first gathering. The Five Year Plan was reviewed. The Shared Wisdom concept was briefly discussed and a copy of the Shared Wisdom book was provided for all attendees. Lyle adapted a reflection sheet for the group to review which guided them through a discernment process. The volunteers were asked to be in touch with Fr. Bill, Lyle or Sharon Janks if they were still interested. Lyle and Fr. Bill were pleased with the enthusiasm and positive feedback from the participants. The next meeting will be in January.**
6. COVENANT REVIEW (Jim) **This review was part of the yearly master calendar to ensure that we continue to adhere to its intent. A subcommittee will meet between now and our January meeting to propose a new draft. Significant changes are not anticipated. Jim, Marilyn, Mary and Ron will meet as part of the sub-committee. However, all members are encouraged to e-mail suggestions or comments to Jim beforehand.**

7. NOVEMBER TOWM MEETING EVALUATIONS (Dana) **The results were generally very positive and encouraging. Suggestions will be taken into consideration. Fr. Bill will share the results with his staff.**

8. 2007 PASTORAL COUNCIL CALENDAR **Jim will review the church calendar for possible conflicts. Marilyn noted that the labyrinth may be in the church the weekend of February 16-17 at the beginning of Lent. She should know shortly. Jim will highlight all holidays in yellow on the master calendar for easier viewing. January 10 is confirmed for our next meeting. The rest of the calendar will be confirmed at our January meeting.**

9. PASTOR'S CORNER (Fr. Bill) **Fr. Bill indicated that we need to have continuing discussion on the issue of Youth Ministry. It is realized that this is a multi-faceted area with no easy solution. This will be on the January agenda.**

10. JANUARY MEETING TOPICS (Jim)

**Leadership:** *please review the Leadership section of the 5YP and prioritize 2 or 3 strategies for 2007.*

**Covenant review:** *please e-mail Jim any changes as soon as possible.*

**Calendar confirmation**

**Youth Ministry discussion**

**Prospective new Pastoral Council members**

**February coffee**

**Review the "Worship and Spirituality" section of the 5YP**

**Marilyn reviewed the prayer schedule and will update the schedule and readings when the calendar dates are confirmed. Therese has the January prayer.**

CLOSING PRAYER

**Time: 9:00**

**Minutes prepared by Mary Connolly on December 7, 2006.**