

October 17, 2007 Pastoral Council Minutes
7:00 PM

Present: Pam Stewart, Mary Connolly, Lyle Garcia, Kevin Dean, John Cole, Phyllis Baker, Dana Wilson, Marilyn Wickel, and Therese Shick
Absent: Fr. Bill

1. OPENING PRAYER: (John Cole 7:05 PM)
2. FINALIZE TOWN MEETING (Mary and All)

The Town Meeting (Mon. Nov. 5th) Agenda was finalized as follows:

6:45-7:30 Pizza and socialize
7:30 Opening Prayer and comments - Marilyn, Phyllis, and Mary
7:35 Property Management Update - Bill Behrens
7:50 25th Anniversary Infomercial - Anita Sawczuk?
7:55 Presentation on Automated Giving - Anthony DeStefano
8:10 Transitional Video - Mary
8:15 Zolokere video (Malawi) - intro by Greg Wilson?
8:45 Closing remarks and prayer - Marilyn, Phyllis, and Mary
Coffee and dessert

Set up: Sunday Nov. 4th after 12:15 mass. John, Kevin, Ron P. Marilyn
PC members should try to be there on Nov. 5th by around 6:00 PM
Soda provided by Marilyn
Dessert provided by Therese, Pam and Bonnie Garcia
Pizza provided by Fr. Bill

3. CONTINUE PARISH PARTICIPATION DISCUSSION (John/All)

There was continued discussion about St. John's direction/goal with regard to volunteerism. The point was made that we, as a parish, need to be aware not to always ask for things from the parishioners but to provide as well. One area that was generally agreed to need improvement was welcoming. This will be discussed further in upcoming meetings.

4. PASTOR'S CORNER (Mary)

Fr. Bill did not have any specific issues but did have the handout "The Vocation to Lay Ecclesial Ministry" for the members. Marilyn mentioned that she has been asked to be on the Commission for Lay Leadership and Ministry Education. The Diocesan hope is to help lay parishioners become workers within the parishes.

This is a very real issue being discussed and addressed in our Diocese.

5. STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION (Anthony DeStefano)

Anthony provided an overview to the current status of Stewardship. He is currently preparing for Stewardship weekend. The letters applying to this will be mailed out to parishioners soon. Anthony is working on arranging speakers for all Masses the weekend of Nov. 3,4th. There are three main areas of concentration this year. One is Stewardship in action, which includes things like the Malawi Jake project. Another is Stewardship in service. Anthony explained about the Fair Trade organization. Fair Trade is an organization that works with farmers in 3rd world countries to cut out the middleman. The organization guarantees the farmers a certain amount for their crop and they, in turn, must join a co-op and grow their crops in an environmentally sensitive way. Money must be put back into the co-op. St. John's will be selling Fair Trade coffee and chocolate after Masses. This is not a fundraiser for us, but stewardship on a global level. And thirdly, Anthony discussed automated giving. Fr. Bill, Anthony and the Finance Committee reviewed this extensively and have decided it is a viable option for our community. This will be discussed at the Town Meeting on Nov. 5th.

Thank to Anthony for providing the update.

6. REVIEW STEWARDSHIP SECTION OF FIVE YEAR PLAN (All)

Anthony DeStefano has agreed to review this section and offer his comments. The PC began a preliminary review and will continue this discussion once we have received input from Anthony. The financial aspect of this section will be offered to the Council in December from the Finance Committee. The facilities section will be discussed by members of the Property Management Committee at the November Council meeting.

7. NOVEMBER 17th MEETING TOPICS (Mary/All)

**Evaluate Town Meeting
Property Management Update
PC Formation Saturday**

8. CLOSING PRAYER (John 9:20 PM)