

March 12, 2008 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
(7:00 PM)

OPENING PRAYER Marilyn (7:05)

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

Absent: Pam Stewart and Lyle Garcia

1. FIVE YEAR PLAN UPDATE (Mary et al)

The subcommittee is reviewing the plan in detail. These review sessions are also providing background information for the council members who are new to the council this year. Work is ongoing.

2. RECRUITMENT UPDATE (All)

The council is currently discussing potential new members to join the Pastoral Council when Therese Shick, Lyle Garcia, and Marilyn Wickel retire from the council this May. A council member will speak (about becoming a member) at each Mass on the weekend of April 5th and 6th as following:

5:30 Lyle Garcia

8:00 John Cole

10:30 Phyllis Baker

12:15 Marilyn Wickel (will work on outline for the talk)

There will be a coffee after the 10:30 Mass on the 6th to encourage dialogue between council members and interested parishioners. The details of the coffee are as follows:

Donuts and juice: Therese

Coffee/Milk: Fr. Bill and Mary (will be promoting Fair Trade)

Bagels: Kevin

Fruit: Phyllis

Donuts: Marilyn

An Informational Night for parishioners has been planned for Thursday April 10th at 7:00PM and will be hosted by Kevin Dean and Therese Shick. This will be an initial discussion about what being on the council entails. At this meeting there will be discussion about when to hold the first (of potentially two) Discernment Evenings. The week of April 21st is being proposed as the first of the two Discernment meetings. These will be coordinated by Phyllis Baker and Marilyn Wickel. The second meeting, if necessary, will take place some time in May.

John Cole, Kevin Dean, and Phyllis Baker will send Earl Roberts a brief summary of what being on the council means to them. This will be incorporated into the pamphlet that Earl created last year. Mary has agreed to make sure the St. John's website is updated for new member information

and will write up an entry for the bulletin regarding becoming a Pastoral Council member.

3. PROCESS FOR POTENTIAL NEW PARISHIONERS (Fr. Bill/All)
Fr. Bill and Earl Roberts are continuing to review the process (formally known as Discovery Sunday). Particular emphasis and concern is on how to facilitate interaction between new member(s) and the rest of the parish. The idea is to ensure the new parishioner(s) feel welcome and a part of their new “home”. Discussion on how this will be accomplished is ongoing.
4. PASTOR’S CORNER (Fr. Bill)
Fr. Bill voiced his continuing concern regarding the annual Auction at St. John’s. The main area of concern is finding chairpersons that can be available on the day of the Auction as well as the planning beforehand. This continues to be St. John’s main fundraiser.

Fr. Bill handed out a page entitled Pastoral Life Department restructured. This article discusses the Diocese changes and restructuring of the Department of Pastoral Life.

The second handout was from Charity Focus. This is an online service which provides a great spiritual boost on a daily basis. Fr. Bill recommended it to the council members.

The Stewardship Committee has met. The group now consists of Fr. Bill, Anthony DeStefano, Sharon Lorhman, Earl Roberts, Bill Gerristead, and Claire Drzewiecki.

There is a spiritual opportunity for the council members at St. Elizabeth’s College on Saturday April 12th.

The pathway plans for the Labyrinth are going forward.

Fr. Bill is still concerned about the Youth Program at St. John’s. This is an area that will be discussed on an ongoing basis to come up with ideas on how to involve the youth in our parish. There are some preliminary plans to have a youth parade at the 25th Anniversary celebration on May 18th and try to involve the High School youth in the Mass on that day.

5. WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH (7:00 PM) MEETING TOPICS (Mary/All)
Prayer: Fr. Bill
Update on Community Bonding Section (Discovery Sunday) Fr. Bill
Update on the radio program (Pam)
Update/Review on new Pastoral Council Members (Mary/All)
Five Year Plan update (subcommittee members)

