

## Wednesday December 3, 2008 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

### Opening Prayer: Pam Stewart

**Present:** Fr. Bill, Dana Wilson, Pam Stewart, Eileen Papson, Bill Harrison, Kevin Dean,  
Mary Connolly, Pam Casserly, Phyllis Baker

**Absent:** John Cole

### AGENDA OVERVIEW (Phyllis)

#### GUEST – Committee Representative(s)

**7:30pm: Music Ministry – Gerry Brisson and Jack Lacy** (Liaison – Mary Connolly)

As representatives of the Music Ministry, Gerry and Jack reviewed some of the group's accomplishments from this past year. Jaki Fesq has reinstated the Bell Choir; the group has scheduled more regular rehearsals; they performed a concert for the parish's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; they have taken a more active and personal approach to recruiting new members; they have begun to expand the number of songs that the musicians and parishioners know; and they continue to work at being more in sync with the liturgy. They noted that many of them have played together for about 18 years and that they now see themselves more as a ministry. They expressed an understanding of their responsibility to this ministry. Areas of need were also discussed including the challenges of having primarily a volunteer group. Only Jim Weber and Katie Matheson are paid and Jim's time in the parish is limited. They indicated that the organization of the music room needs to be on-going, the need to replace 2 or 3 of the music stands, and the need for surge protectors for the equipment. The group is committed to continuing to offer St. John Neumann the quality music experience they have consistently provided at 10:30 Mass. A challenge that faces our worship community is how to grow the music ministry to all of the Masses. The Pastoral Council appreciated their time and input this evening as well as their musical gift to all of us.

**PASTOR'S CORNER** (Fr Bill): Deferred until next meeting.

- *“Group Leadership: Behaviors” (pgs. 129-131)*

#### BUSINESS ITEMS (from prior meetings)

- **Prayer Schedule (Pam Stewart)**  
Copies were distributed with assignments through June of 2009.
- **Town Meeting** – Follow up (ALL)
- **Radio Show** – Rescheduling Update(Pam)  
The dates of 1/27,2/3 and 2/10 were proposed with 2/3 being the first choice.
- **Liaison Follow up on Possible Meeting Date w/Council** – Dana + Eileen
  - (Representatives from: FUND RAISING and SOCIAL MINISTRY)  
Social Ministry had been scheduled to attend the January 2009 meeting. Fund Raising will be invited to the February meeting.
- **Five-Year Plan: “Leadership Revision”** w/Kevin Dean (ET ALL)  
A Pastoral Council sub-committee (Bill Harrison and Pam Casserly) will begin to look over the Stewardship questionnaires in January 2009 to review the process. The Leadership section was revised and Kevin Dean will have the complete revision for the Pastoral Council for our January meeting.

#### NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS- Deferred until our next meeting

- EVANGILIZATION – Possible, Sub-committee Formation
- COVENANT – Communication Plan, Appendix “C”

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday January 21, 2009

Review completed Five Year Plan

Social Ministry representatives

Discuss the suggestions from Sr. Donna. All council members need to review the video tape. Bill Harrison will be in touch when it is available.

**Closing Prayer: Pam Stewart**

TIME: 9:50pm

Minutes prepared by Mary Connolly on 12/4/08