

August 20, 2008 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM

OPENING PRAYER Fr. Bill (7:05)

Present: Fr. Bill, Dana Wilson, Pam Stewart, Eileen Papson, Bill Harrison, Pam Casserly, John Cole, and Phyllis Baker.

Absent: Mary Connolly and Kevin Dean

1. FORMATION (Fr. Bill)

Questions in the Shared Wisdom model book (pages 124-125) regarding expectations were discussed. These mainly revolved around the expectations each member had for other members as far as the Pastoral Council is concerned and also what was expected of them as a member of the council. It was agreed there was a need for more discussion in the future of what the Pastor in the Pastoral Council really means.

2. MISC BUSINESS

Phyllis handed out the most recent version of the PC contact list. Phyllis thanked Fr. Bill for ordering flowers for Marilyn Wickel and to John Cole for delivering them. Marilyn was very appreciative. Phyllis also thanked everyone for their attendance at the first annual PC member picnic, it was agreed to be a great success. Sister Donna will be the guest speaker at the Town Meeting that is now scheduled for Monday November 17th. A light dinner will be offered beginning at 6:30 PM with the presentation to follow.

3. RADIO SHOW (Pam)

Pam shared two handouts regarding the upcoming radio show. The first indicated the specifics (occurring on Tuesday October 28, 2008 from 5-6 PM). It will be on WDVR 89.7 or live on the web at www.wdvrfm.org. It was agreed that the participants would be Fr. Bill, Kevin Dean and Mary Connolly. The call in phone number for the show is 609-397-1620. The second handout detailed some of the questions that will be provided to the host of the radio show. Further questions were offered and submitted.

4. RELIGIOUS ED BOARD (Dr. Rose Fay) This was postponed until the next PC meeting on Sat. September 20th. The Stewardship presentation will also be given at that time by Anthony DeStefano.

5. PASTOR'S CORNER (Fr. Bill)

October 4th, 2008 is the scheduled Parish Picnic and continued Anniversary Celebration. Mass will take place that day at 3:00 PM (duck race to occur before Mass).

Fr. Bill asked the members of the Pastoral Council to view the film "Truman" before the next Pastoral Council meeting on Sat. September 20th.

Fr. Bill handed out several sheets regarding the demographics and population projections of St. John's and Hunterdon County. The Space Needs Summary for the master plan was also provided.

There was a handout entitled "Clergy Update: Consider Yourself One of the Family" which was given as background information for the members of the council. This article discusses the need for Catholic clergy from the U.S. to welcome new members of the presbyterate who have come to the United States from other nations.

Finally there was an handout entitled "Dust, breath and the Raven" which was read by Fr. Bill as part of the closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, September 20, 2008

Absent: Dana Wilson and Pam Stewart

CLOSING PRAYER (Fr. Bill) 9:10

Minutes respectfully submitted by Therese Shick on 8/21/08