

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Opening prayer: John Cole

Present: Fr. Bill, Eileen Papson, Bill Harrison, Kevin Dean, Pam Casserly, Phyllis Baker, John Cole, Mike Mastro, Roger Malone, Marilyn Wickel

Absent: None

Agenda Overview: (Kevin)

Welcome new and returning members: Mike Mastro, Roger Malone, and Marilyn Wickel

Guest: None

Pastor's Corner: (Fr.Bill)

Review of Wild Weekend of Winning, it was a successful weekend with a total profit of \$60,000. This meets our budget needs.

The dinner dance really brought people together; a social success

Fr. Bill introduced excerpt from Practicing Catholic by James Carroll

There was a discussion of the Mission Insite program to access reports on demographic data for our area in the diocese. It will be useful for Evangelization committee to serve the community better.

Business Items:

Prayer schedule was discussed. Pam Casserly and Marilyn Wickel will make a schedule available for next meeting.

A schedule of committee liaisons assignments and dates for committees to attend pastoral council meetings will be made and available for the next meeting.

Mass Times: New mass times will be 8:00AM and 10:30AM. Saturday mass of 5:30PM will continue as usual. The new schedule will begin on weekend of July 4th and 5th.

Religious Education may decide to change their hours as the year progresses as Dr. Fay meets with classes. There are some alternatives to religious education:

- 2 weeks solid in the summer plus sacramental preparation
- 2 Sundays per month (as it is now)
- 1 Saturday per month
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Evangelization subcommittee report (Bill Harrison)

Council was brought up to date on subcommittee minutes of May 27th meeting. Issues include declining membership of Evangelization committee, ways of welcoming new members and keeping active members involved. A final meeting of this subcommittee will be on June 22, 2009 with Evangelization Committee to continue the dialogue.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Vibrant Parishes: The Pastoral Council attended the reading of Bishop Bootkowski's letter about characteristics of vibrant parishes at St. Magdalene's Church in Flemington on June 15th. These characteristics were discussed.

New Items:

Pastoral Council Picnic: Tentative date of July 19, 2009 at 2PM. To be included: governance committee and spouses, past pastoral council members and spouses, current pastoral council members and spouses.

Closing Prayer:

John Cole

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 7:00PM

Prayer for that night will be Marilyn Wickel

Time: 9:30

Minutes prepared by Pam Casserly on 6/21/09