

Saturday, December 6, 2010
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer: Mike Mastro

Present: Fr. Bill, Bill Harrison Steve Gemma, Donna Lance, Marilyn Wickel, Pam Casserly, Mike Mastro, Roger Malone, Joann Gardner, Eileen Papson

Absent: none

Reflection: Transitional Leadership Options and Future Staffing at St. John's
Father Bill reported that the Deanery Council of Diocese of Metuchen will be establishing one group of parishes in each deanery to work together as a model for future leadership options.

Committee Meeting:

- Dr. Fay attended the meeting and presented and update on the Religious Education portion of Five Year Plan.
- January's meeting will have Fundraising.
- February's meeting will have Property Management
- Since Earl is recuperating and working from home as he is able, Social Ministry and Connxions Committees will be rescheduled to March to give him time to return full time to work.
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Old and Continuing Items of Business:

- 5 Year Plan/Covenant Update: ACTION ITEM: Bill Harrison is waiting for updates **electronically** from liaisons to committees to integrate into the 5 year plan. When committees attend Pastoral Council meetings, they should come with their updates in the format of the 5 year plan. Liaisons should facilitate this with committees at one of their meetings.
- If anyone in the Pastoral Council has any documents not already in Microsoft word format, please scan them and save as word document, then forward to Steve Gemma.
- The next Town Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2011. The topic will be Parish finances.
- New Pastoral Council Member drive:
 1. February 20th will be a Vitality Coffee after the 10:30 Mass hosted by Pastoral Council with verbal invitation at Mass prior to coffee and in bulletin
 2. Saturday, February 26th meeting and March 21st meetings of Pastoral Council will be open meetings for parishioners interested in joining
 3. April 11th will be discernment for prospective members
 4. Additional discernment or inquiry meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

5. June 12th will be induction of new members

New Items of Business:

- Father Simo will arrive on December 17th.
- Since there is already a Holiday Sing-a-long scheduled for December 19th, the possibility of organizing a Parish Christmas Party will be tabled until 2011.
- Chris Casserly will look at websites for parishes of St. Charles Borromeo and St. Matthias, and then talk to Father Bill about any new ideas for our own Parish website.
- Marilyn brought updated Prayer schedule through February. **Additional schedule needed for meetings after February.**

Pastor's Items of Business

Father Bill shared articles:

- Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils
- "US Catholic Bishops and Abortion Legislation " from National Catholic Reporter
- "Hope for Effective Antiabortion Strategy" from National Catholic Reporter

Father Bill also gave out information on a workshop on April 9, 2010 for Pastoral Council members on Multiple Parish Pastoring and Merged Parish Summit. All members are encouraged to attend.

Closing Prayer: Mike Mastro

Next meeting: Monday, January 24, 2011 (Joann Gardner, prayer)

Minutes prepared by Pam Casserly