

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting 29 September 2009

Present: Fr. Ed, Fr. Angelo, Deacon Chuck, Sebastio Bispo, Marie Busch, Jeanne Hagarty, Kathleen Voelmle

Meeting opened with prayer and lighting of a candle.

1. Minutes were sent by e-mail. Everyone present had not received the minutes. This system needs improvement. It was suggested to post e-mails and telephone numbers. This will be done only if the Council approves.
2. Seek ways to bring youth and young adults to know Jesus. Quality leadership among all parishioners should be sought.
3. Four choices for goals were suggested:
 - a. Leadership
 - b. Youth/teenagers
 - c. Young adults
 - d. Ethnic groups

We must blend these groups together as working towards our goal. Our action should include prayer, listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Find ways to include these age groups when we celebrate the Eucharist. Any age may be readers. Ministers of the Eucharist must be at least 18 years of age.
4. How to reach young people. Gather them together as a large group with some means of entertaining or a speaker who would appeal to them.
5. Mission statements were suggested and read by all. Fr. Ed collected them and will review each as well as prayer reflection by all Council members for publication by Christmas.
6. Next meeting date had to be changed to October 20, 2009.
7. Reminder of Vibrant Pastoral Council seminar at Holy Innocents in Neptune 11/14/2009 9AM-3PM.
8. Council closed with prayer led by Fr. Angelo who also extinguished the candle.