

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting February 22, 2009

Present: Fr. Edward, Marie Busch, Kathleen Voelmle, Sebastino Bispo, Tyler Hagan, John Mongon, Henry Schwartz

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting began at 7:00PM with a prayer and reflection

Item One: Minutes were approved as amended: John Mongon was present

Item Two: Tyler Hagan was welcomed as a new member of the pastoral council.

Item Three: Prayers were extended to Jean Hagarty and family. Jean's energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

Item Four: Fr. Ed asked council members to reflect on the qualifications of individuals who would represent the parish. This will be discussed at the next pastoral council meeting.

Item Five: **Vibrant Parish Pastoral Councils** workshop will be held at the Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare in Florence Township on Saturday February 27, 2010. The workshop will explore four key principles for more effective Parish Pastoral Councils fulfilling the consultative role envisioned by the church. Deacon Chuck plans to attend.

Item Six: The Diocesan Pastoral Council requested a representative from Jesus, the Good Shepherd be on the council. John Mongon will be our parish representative.

Item Seven: The **Council Conversation** meeting of January 28th was reviewed with council members highlighting the discussion of parish goals to develop strategies and action plans. Strategies and action plans have a time to be accomplished and measurable outcomes. As a result, the council decided to focus and develop one goal. That goal is *Engage our Youth and Young Adults More Deeply in a Relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Community*.

A discussion on various strategies included: (1) youth group and newly confirmed; (2) liturgical opportunities (ushers, greeters; music); (3) parish opportunities; (4) visit eighth grade CCD classes to obtain input.

Council members John Mongon and Tyler Hagan will visit the eighth grade CCD class on March 5 and ask class members for their input as to how they envision their participation in the parish.

Each member of the council was asked to come to the next council meeting with 3 or 4 strategy ideas to accomplish our goal.

Item Eight: Open Pastoral Council Meeting will be held in May and October

Item Nine: Review of comment card questions. Answers to the questions will appear in the weekly bulletin.

Item Ten: The Ministry Weekend was discussed with the suggestion that the Pastoral Council should have a table. Fr Ed will find out if space is available. The dates for the Ministry Weekends are March 13/14 – St Peters and March 20/21 – St Josephs. A schedule will be made so a parish council representative will be available.

With no further items the meeting ended at 8:40 with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22 at St. Joseph at 7PM.

OUR MISSION

We, the people of *Jesus, the Good Shepherd* Parish, are a diverse Catholic community with Christ at our center and led by the Holy Spirit. We meet the challenge of our baptismal call through prayer, stewardship, lifelong faith formation and joyful celebration of the Eucharist. We strive to work together for social justice and the common good.

Our Goals

During Anno Domini 2010, we seek to carry out this Mission most particularly through our work to:

- Ensure Quality Pastoral Leadership for our parish
- Engage our Youth and Young Adults More Deeply in a Relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Community
- Minister Effectively within our Ethnically-Diverse Parish Community