

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting February 22, 2009

Present: Fr. Edward, Deacon Chuck Perkins, Tyler Hagan, John Rendfrey, Henry Schwartz

The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting began at 7:00PM with a vesper prayers lead by Father Ed

Item One: Minutes were approved as amended: John Mongon replaced Jean Haggerty who was an ad hoc member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Item Two: John Rendfrey was welcomed as a new member of the pastoral council.

Item Three: The Pastoral Council continues to work on the goal "*Engage our Youth and Young Adults More Deeply in a Relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Community*".

Tyler Hagan reported on eight grade CCD meeting input as to what would increase involvement. This included (1) community service activities, (2) programs after mass, (3) music, and (4) involvement in the liturgy. Next step is to identify student leaders.

Council discussed how to define youth and young adults. The Led by the Spirit defines Youth as 13-18 and Young Adults as 19-35. The pastoral council decided to define Youth as 12 to 18 and Young Adults as 19 to 34.

Youth could be divided into two groups: 12 to 14 and 15 to 18.

Council also discussed how to reach those away at college or in the military. Programs could be developed that would reach to them. Council would need to find a way to collect names and addresses of those away from home.

Another suggestion was having more parish dinners to include younger members of the parish.

Item Four: A Pastoral Council Reflection Day is being proposed to be held at St Francis Parish located on Long Beach Island Saturday September 25. Members of the council who are interested in attending should contact either Father Ed of John Mongon if interested in attending

Item Five: Open Pastoral Council Meeting - The Open Pastoral Council meeting will be held in May after Mass. Parishioners will be asked to submitted questions that will be addressed. Prior to the May meeting "Open Pastoral Council" question cards will be in the back of both churches beginning the first weekend in May. Refreshments will follow the Pastoral Council meeting.

Item Six: Review of comment and questions cards. They were no comment and question cards submitted in March.

Item Seven: The Ministries Weekend was held March 13/14 – St Peters and March 20/21 – St Josephs. The Ministries Weekend did create an awareness of the various ministries in our parish and a number of parishioners did express an interest. A contact list for the ministries will be made available.

With no further business the meeting ended at 8:45 with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 26 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