

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting June 28, 2010

Present: Fr. Edward, Fr. Richie, Deacon Chuck Perkins, Marie Busch, Kathleen Voemle, Tyler Hagan, John Brian Rendfrey, John Mongon, Sebastino Bispo, Henry Schwartz

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

Item One: Minutes were approved as amended.

Item Two: The open Pastoral Council Meeting of May 24 was reviewed by the Council. The next open Council meeting will be held in October.

Item Three: Our parish strategic plan is due to June 30, 2010. The following plan will be submitted.

The Diocesan Goal: *"Engage our Youth and Young Adults More Deeply in a Relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Community"*.

Parish Objective: To Implement and promote liturgical and community activities that bring families, particularly those with youth and young adults, into greater awareness of Christ through family-oriented by December 2010.
Strategies / Action Plan:

1. Designate the 12 Noon Mass on the Fourth Sunday of each month as "Family Mass", with homilies oriented towards family as the domestic Church as well as family involvement in the various Mass ministries (ushers, gift-bearers, Lectors/EMHCs as applicable, etc.) This will also include increased participation by the parish Contemporary Youth Choir and will be expanded with opportunities to inspire and develop youth musical talent through instruction and post-Communion mini-presentations.
2. Organize and implement a "Sunday Family Brunch" for newly-registered families on the fourth Sunday of June and October each year. This will include planning and coordinating parish volunteers as well as directed invitations to be sent out to families during the prior month.
3. Institute and maintain a program to reach out to young adults away from home because of college, military service, etc. This will involve the creation and maintenance of a contact information database so that parish correspondence can be made in the form of "Thinking of You" cards, letters from the Pastor and Pastoral Council, intentions for absent family members to be included during weekend Masses and, if known, a special recognition of these individuals when they return to the parish.

Item Four: The first "Family Mass" was held on June 27th at the 12 o'clock mass. The "Family Mass" will be held every fourth Sunday.

Item Five: The first "Sunday Brunch" was held on June 27th after the "Family Mass". The "Sunday Brunch" will be held every fourth Sunday inviting new

Item Six: A Pastoral Council Reflection Day will be held at St Francis Parish located on Long Beach Island Saturday September 25. Information and registration materials will be sent to Pastoral Council member in July.

Item Seven: Youth Group lock-in was held at St. Joseph Church June 11th

Item Eight: Review of comment and questions cards.

With no further business the meeting ended at 8:20 with a prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2010 at St. Joseph's.

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