

**Minutes**  
**St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council**  
**March 21, 2007**

**Attendees:**

Bill Burns	Marti Mauro	Dan Hohl
Drew Demarais	Bernadette Rall	Ann Tiberio
Fr Chuck Latus	Maureen Morehouse	Peter Charleton
Drew Smith	Betsy Swovick	Dottie DeLano
Pat Vargas	Dick Wagner	Tom Swovick
Sister Katherine Ann		

**Excused:**

Jim Sauer	John McDermott	Claire Schum
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**Opening prayer:** Peter Charleton

**Selection process:** Karen Casper assembled all the necessary information into a packet. The packet was passed out to council members at the meeting. The schedule of events is as follows:

- Insert to go into bulletin the weekends of April 7/8, April 14/15 and April 22/21 ( we got a copy of the notice)
- Nomination forms will be in pew the weekend of April 28/29 - council members will cover the masses (sign up sheet will be available at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting)
- Parish staff will review the nominations and invitations will be sent May 1<sup>st</sup> to nominees asking them to attend an informational meeting on Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- Nominees must decide if they want their names put into the selection bowl.
- Selection will occur on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 PM mass. Bill or Marti (or their representative) will pull the names. That is Memorial Day weekend.

There are 6 people leaving the Council this year:

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| ▪ Drew Smith | Tom Swovick          | Maureen Morehouse |
| ▪ Pat Vargas | Claire Schum (youth) | Dan Hohl (youth)  |

## **Bishops Hubbard's Letter -**

This month's questions dealt with parochialism. We talked about the forming of clusters and the closing of parishes. Clusters (when there is one parish with multiple buildings) are a good idea but it takes time for the parishioners to overcome their loyalty to their old parish. If parishes in a region need to change mass times, for maximum coverage, the question arises who gets "the prime time" Masses with their larger collections.

To help understand how parishes are organized Father explained the various types of parish leadership:

- Priest pastor - priest assigned to just one parish
- Pastoral administrator - leader of parish usually a deacon, a sister or a lay person with a ministerial degree
- Sacramental minister - a priest who comes to a parish for the administration of sacraments
- Pastoral associate - helps the running of the parish

Father Chuck mentioned that Father Mark Brewer will become the pastor of St. Michael Church in Newark starting June 1<sup>st</sup>

**FOR NEXT MONTH:** Continue reading from where we left off last month through to the bottom of page 9. We will discuss question #13

## **Approval of Council Minutes - Bill Burns:**

- The minutes of the February 2007 meeting were approved with the following corrections:
  - In Father Chuck's comments Mr. Golisano's name was misspelled
  - There were 36 teens at the retreat not 26
  - Betsy's name was misspelled when listed for the closing prayer
  - The St. Rita Society news was recorded as part of the Roundtable when in fact it was mentioned in the Bishop Hubbard discussion as examples of good things going on in our Parish

**Love My Parish Love To Travel:** The raffle result were about the same as last year.

**Lenten Retreats:** The question was asked if we did something like this in the future could they start at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30. There should be better publicity about the babysitting availability

**Pillars Follow Up Questionnaire:** There was some discussion as to the wording of several questions. A consensus was reached as to the changes. The information was

emailed to Tim Mason on March 24<sup>th</sup>. He responded that the information was received and would pass it on. It was asked as to how the information collected would be tabulated. Tim gave no answer to that question in his email to me.

**Father Chuck's Comments:**

- There were around 100 people at each of the Monday Lenten retreats held to date. The attendees were a good cross section of the parish population
- Encouraged us to attend all the Holy Week services.
- The Stewardship Committee is hard at work on their presentation to the parish to reintroduce the 3 T's - Time, Talent and Treasure.
- We have a new envelope company and that will provide a saving to the parish
- The automatic payment plan is being looked at to see if we can get it without a service charge.

**Closing Prayer:** Dottie DeLano

Respectfully Submitted;

Maureen Morehouse

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