

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
October 20, 2008

Attendees:

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| Kathleen Anne | Tom Bayer | Dottie DeLano |
| Drew Demarais | Fr. Hoan Dinh | Rich Engel |
| Will Goodness | Joe Holleran | John O'Connor |
| Drew Pawluk | Sr. Katherine Ann | Jim Sauer |
| Eileen Scott | Lisa Swovick | Barb Tatanus |
| Ann Tiberio | Dick Wagner | |

Excused:

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| Father Chuck Latus | Betsy Swovick | John McDermott |
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Opening Prayer: Fr. Hoan

Reading of Vision Statement from State of Parish Report: *To nurture and grow the spiritual vitality of each and every Saint Rita parishioner and support them along their life journey as Disciples of Christ while fostering a vibrant, engaging, welcoming faith community.*

Confirmation of September minutes:

Minutes were approved with the following changes:

- Correct statistic of number of families at St. Paul's from 1,700 "parishioners" to 1,700 "families".

Introductions:

- Parish Council members introduced themselves to new council member Eileen Scott

Council Picture

- Steve Kwiatkowski took picture of Council

Constitution Discussion: John O'Connor

- John Connell started working on Parish Pastoral Council Constitution years ago. John O'Connor is now continuing with that work.
- Council has read constitution for discussion of possible updates and revisions
- The following are comments made regarding the constitution:
 1. Change title page to reflect "Parish Pastoral Council"
 2. Representatives of six areas of "Pillars of Vision" are encouraged to provide status to PPC for feedback
 - a) Should each of six areas be represented at each PPC meeting, or regular intervals?

- b) PPC should be given the opportunity to provide the feedback of a representative group of parishioners
- 3. Need to define role of PPC members for more focus
 - a) Should PPC be assisting committees?
- 4. Need more stewards in many ministries
 - a) Specific needs in Evangelization
 - needs more support
 - people who participate in retreats tend to be the more active parishioners
- 5. Article II , #2: change to “To provide recommendations, in a Christian manner, for parish priorities...”.
- 6. Need to improve communication about PPC
 - a) opportunity for information in bulletin?
 - b) Publicize existence and location of the suggestion box for parishioners to provide input
- 7. Need to improve recruitment for new membership
 - a) get more people interested
 - b) special meeting (including food!) for interested people before next Pentecost
- 8. Need annual review of what we did as the PPC (what worked, and what didn't)
 - a) Which meeting should this be done at?
- 9. Need orientation for new members of PPC at beginning of their term

Closing Prayer: Joe Holleran

Next Meeting: November 17, 2008

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Tatanus