

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
January 12, 2009

Attendees:

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

Absent: none

Opening Prayer: Ann Tiberio

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 November minutes: Minutes were approved with no changes

Pastor Report

- Fr. Chuck reported that our parish had CMA contributions of \$102,500. Father is confident we will reach our goal. Our parish has the highest number of individuals giving in diocese.
- Fr. Chuck told us of the WPCC connection with the Cathedral Community (Sacred Heart, Holy Rosary and Precious Blood). The diocese suggested this linkage. It is not a financial link. WPCC is willing to help Cathedral Community, but needs to know how to relate to community and how we can help. No decision made yet on how we are helping.

Finance

- Paul Dangler, Finance committee, reported no problems
- Monroe County Catholic School System will remain. Diocesan Catholic elementary schools have balanced budget this year and not raising tuition next school year.
- We need to talk about expanding parish space. We cannot ignore this issue since attendance at St. Rita's is high and the parish is growing.

Constitution Discussion: John O'Connor

The following are comments made regarding the constitution:

- Officers of PPC can choose to step down.

- It was suggested that people only serve one term while member of parish.
- It was suggested we have a training meeting for new members of PPC in late summer
- Everyone agreed we should try to get new parishioners interested in PPC

Open Discussion:

- It was suggested we invite diocesan liaison, Karen Rinefierd, to a future meeting to discuss not only St Rita's , but all the WPCC parishes
- The question came up about diocesan meetings. There used to be a Diocesan Pastoral Council, but it no longer exists.

Closing Prayer: Joe Halloran

Next Meeting: February 9, 2009

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Tatanus