

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
November 16, 2009

Attendees:

Kathleen Anne	Tom Bayer	Diane Cocilova
Drew Desmarais	Joe Holleran	Erin Hasso
Mary Jo Hohl	Austin Korol	Fr. Chuck Latus
Sr. Katherine Ann	Jim Messineo	John O'Connor
Gerry Sander	Eileen Scott	Barb Tatanus

Excused:

Joe DiDia	Rich Engel	Jim Messineo
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Opening Prayer: Eileen Scott

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 October minutes: Minutes were approved with no changes.

December meeting is a social, pot luck dinner and is not an official business meeting.

The evaluations of previous meeting made note that we need more discussions on pastoral planning and we need to make our PPC meetings more meaningful.

Worship Space

An Arts and Environment Committee has been formed as part of the liturgy committee. Members include Angela Chiazza, Dave McClellan, Mary Pat Clemens, Patty Hammingson, Rose Leisenring and Father Chuck. This new committee needs to look at the following items:

- How to best use the restricted money given to the church for improvements
- Church could use painting and the lighting should be improved
- Windows, roof and wall coverings should be looked at for improvement
- Good use of technical equipment in the church
- Improvement of narthex space

Pastoral Planning

- Enrollment is up in St. Rita Parish, but attendance number at church is flat.
- Every parish is dealing with evangelization
- We received a great deal of information from Karen Rinefierd at our last meeting, but where do we go from here?
- We need to work on evangelization to bring people back to church.
- People need to feel connected to church community.

Pastor Report

- Fr. Chuck reported that our CMA goal is \$112,000, and \$61,769 has been donated so far. That amount comes from 537 donors.
- Last year we had the highest number of participants in the CMA.
- 282 stewardship cards turned in so far which is about the same amount as last year.

Closing Prayer: Austin Korol

Next Meeting: January 11, 2010

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Tatanus