

**Minutes**  
**St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council**  
**March 15, 2010**

**Attendees:**

Tom Bayer	Drew Desmarais	Fr. Hoan Dinh
Rich Engel	Fr. Chuck Latus	Joe Holleran
Kathleen Anne	Diane Cocilova	John O'Connor
Sr. Katherine Ann	Gerry Sander	Eileen Scott
Barb Tatanus		

**Excused:**

Mary Jo Hohl

**Absent:**

Joe DiDia	Erin Hasso	Austin Korol
Jim Messineo		

**Opening Prayer:** Barb Tatanus

**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 February minutes:** Minutes were approved with no changes.

**School Update**

- An advertisement was on channel 10 telling about the upcoming ball to raise money for St. Rita School since they said the school was going to become an independent school.
- Fr. Chuck said no statements about school should be made to the public without his approval.
- A team has been formed to figure out financial implications of independent school and parishioners have volunteered to help with the transition of St. Rita's to a regional school.
- There will be no changes at St. Rita's School until September 2011.
- Joe Holleran volunteered to be on the PPC school committee.
- The ultimate decision about St. Rita School will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and PPC.

**PPC Nominations**

- Tom Bayer passed out information about a proposed schedule for PPC nominations and selections

- Barb Tatanus, Lisa Swovick, John O'Connor and Rich Engel will be leaving PPC.
- PPC should be highlighted on stewardship board in narthex.
- Karen Casper and Sharon Pucher should look over dates set up for PPC selection.
- John O'Connor, Kathleen Anne, Diane Cocilova and Joe Holleran volunteered to be on the nomination and selection committee for PPC members. Joe volunteered to write an announcement to be read at mass about being a member of parish pastoral council.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Arts and Environment Committee said the following improvements should be considered for the church: painting and wallcoverings which have never been done, tinting of glass which has been done twice before, additional lighting of the ceiling and speaker wiring improved. Also, a few other suggestions were given as improvements .
- Brian Moran, the new chairman of the building committee, will be looking at roofs of all buildings of the parish
- Need to prioritize the enhancements of the church. These will not exceed the monies already received.

### **Evangelization**

- Had a discussion on when and how we get new people to come to church.
- People shop around for churches and this is not a problem unique to St. Rita's Church.
- The new parishioner number is growing at St. Rita's, but mass attendance is not growing.
- John O'Connor, Tom Bayer, Rich Engel, Diane Cocilova and Gerry Sander volunteered to be on the Evangelization Committee.

**Closing Prayer:** Gerry Sander

**Next Meeting:** April 26, 2010

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Tatanus