

St. Catherine of Sweden Roman Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 23, 2008
10:30 am

Attendees:

Father Regis, Dick McGeown, Sandy Macioce, Bill Rasile, John Beran, Dennis Antol, Lori McKinniss, Karen Gust, Phyllis Murray, John Fiore, Deeann Beavers, Jim Kaczynski, Gary Spicuzza, John Madia

Opening Prayer was given by Deeann Beavers

Minutes from the Pastoral Council Meeting on September 14, 2008 were approved.

Updates from Father Regis:

Economic Crisis – Parking lot lights will be turned off at 10:00 pm instead of midnight; will cluster meeting times to minimize time building is open; general reduction in use of lights and lower intensity of church lights to help conserve electricity; will determine which nights will have evening hours; will start collecting paper, magazines and other papers to recycle and be reimbursed for them; Parish Share – currently behind- requested all do their part; Calendar Party – set for Feb. 21st – will be a college theme; one parishioner will donate a truck for church use; Summary – need to focus on fundraising and collections.

Other Updates:

Mystery Dinner – set for Jan 31st; still need 3 more actors/actresses; titled Mild, Mild West; will be buffet dinner

Fall Fete – had twice as many people as planned for; made about \$3,000 profit; mention of perhaps having it in the future to replace the parish picnic.

New Business: - Finance Council – George O’Hanlon will try to give Parish Council an update at next meeting.

Parish Pastoral Plan – John Beran reviewed sample plan; will use as a guide for next 6-12 months and updated periodically; will define who we are, what we want to accomplish, etc. ; will also help provide continuity for changing council members; committees to review and submit ideas before next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Community Life – John Fiore – will look at increasing greeting effort by ushers at all masses; plan to have new members contacted by someone on council to welcome them; also presented detailed outline of Community Life goals in Pastoral Plan; plans to have a new member social in the spring.

Worship - Jim Kaczynski – will work on lighting for Advent special services; Jim Skalos will have Eucharistic Ministry training today.

Physical Plant – Gary Spicuzza and Bill Rasile – nothing new to report; will schedule their meeting for the pastoral plan; Father Regis reported that Boy Scout Eagle Troops will build a path in the woods that depict the Stations of the Cross, and erect a gazebo in the area of the creek; church sold 4 acres to Jewarts

Gymnastics and got permission to apply the money to our debt without paying tax
Faith Formation – Sandy Macioce – will schedule their meeting for the pastoral plan

Next Parish Council Meeting – John Beran will let us know as Sunday mornings seem to work out better

Opening Prayer for next meeting – Bill Rasile

Minutes for next meeting – Karen Gust

Minutes submitted by Gary Spicuzza