

**St. Benedict Catholic Church**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**March 13, 2007**

Those present were: Jim and Lou Buswell, Ron Stark, Angelo Pinterpe, Deacon Lynn Sherman, Fred Murillo, Pedro and Linda Gonzalez, Greg Tencer, Doug Burrer and Theresa Garnhart.

**OPENING PRAYER:** led by Deacon Lynn

**INTRODUCTION:** Doug Burrer, a parishioner was introduced.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Angelo Pinterpe to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting with corrections, seconded by Jim Buswell. Motion approved.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Joe Bauer was not available, no report given.

**LITURGY REPORT:** Deacon Lynn reported that we have the okay for Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies at Falcon Middle School. They will be held at 7 p.m. For Palm Sunday, we will meet outdoors and process in, with the choir singing. If the weather is uncooperative, we will start in the cafeteria instead. On Holy Thursday, the Diocese has the number of people to have their feet washed at no more than 12. David Dalton will invite people and we will try to get 12. For Good Friday, we will have the reading of the Passion and the veneration of the cross. Discussed using the large cross Butch Enderle made. Motion by Jim Buswell that we use the large cross to bring and and raise, then use the smaller Crucifix for the veneration. Seconded by Ron Stark and passed.

A Liturgical ministries make-up training session is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**FACILITIES REPORT:** Greg Tencer reported that there will be a meeting with Mr. O'Sullivan on Wednesday to update plans for the development. Once we actually know where our plot is, we'll have an outdoor Mass there. The ceiling fan/light has been installed. Will have the checklist done by the end of the month.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Lou Buswell reported that the Phase II Confirmation retreat went well. There were some parents and sponsors in attendance. Phase I Confirmation will have a retreat on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The First Communion class are busy making their banners. Deacon Lynn will be checking into the Safe Environment training. It will need to be done soon. A Motion was made by Jim Buswell that all Pastoral Council members have background checks done so that they are available to fill in when needed for religious education assistance and other work with the children of the parish. Ron Stark seconded and the motion passed.

**OUTREACH REPORT:** Fred Murillo reported that Kirstan Jakus will be chairing the Easter Egg Hunt. Outreach is taking donations for Easter food baskets. Deacon Lynn will announce same at Mass. Share Colorado is going well and growing in participants both in and out of the parish.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Name tags and signs: no new information on these items at this time. Deacon Lynn hopes to have more information at next months meeting.

By-Laws: we have enough for a rough draft at this time. Deacon Lynn will do a draft and e-mail to the council members, with a goal of reviewing and approving at the April meeting.

A discussion of one of the items to be included in the By-Laws was discussed. The discussion centered on whether a married couple could be on council and if so, how many votes they would be allowed. After much discussion it was decided that a married couple would be considered as holding one seat and having one vote on council. Linda Gonzalez moved that one seat on council can be held by a single individual or a married couple, and that each seat on council is given one vote. Motion was seconded by Angelo Pinterpe and passed. [A statement is entered as approved on April 10<sup>th</sup>, that discussion and discernment regarding this motion was not completed.]

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**PARISH DIRECTORS REPORT:** Deacon Lynn handed out an update of the Strategic Planning Process. Thirty-eight Focus forms were completed and returned after the Sunday session. There was good feedback on the forms. There was not a second session during the week, but may have another one later on. Deacon Lynn will be talking with council members to see if we know some of the individuals that responded.

The Parish Pastoral Plan will need to be completed. We may follow the Diocesan plan or we may continue on our own. The Pastoral Plan is the core to the identity of the Parish. We need to review the Diocesan plan and others to decide how to proceed.

The closing prayer was led by Deacon Lynn.

Meeting adjourned.