

St. Benedict Catholic Church

Pastoral Council – Minutes

September 13th, 2011

7:00 p.m. OPENING PRAYER

Present: Joe Gustafson, Tammy & Jeff Specht, Jan Pizzi, Aurora Sebestyen, Ron Comfort, Dee & Kevin Klein, Deacon Lynn
Excused: Bill Champlin, Jeff Klimek

Introduction of guests: Dr. Harriet Bauer

7:05 p.m. REPORTS

- I. Approval of minutes (10 min) - M/S (Jan Pizzi/Dee Klein) to accept the minutes of the August meeting without changes. Motion passed.
- II. Parishioners and guests to be heard (20 min) Council members agree to visit RE classes at least once during the year to ensure 2 adults are present in the classroom (no longer a Diocese requirement, but a good security model). Dr. Bauer then presented to the Council an annual refresher course in Safe Environment Training
- III. **Report from Finance Council – Deacon Lynn for Doug Burrer - Financial Report** (Deacon Lynn proxy for Doug Burrer)
 - Offertory down 26% from August 2010, however average of July/August is only down .5%.
 - Expenses were also down a similar amount
 - The Parish needs \$3,000 per week in offertory to completely cover expenses and be solvent.
 - Council members were requested to provide fundraising ideas via e-mail to Joe, or simply call him to discuss
- IV. Review of reports from ministry liaisons (20 min)
 - o Facilities (Joe); Joe thanked all the Pastoral Council members for their work to make the September 11th picnic a complete success.
Health/Security (Vacant);
 - o K-of-C (Jeff); **No Report**
 - o Liturgical (**Specht**); New Missals are in
 - o Training on the new Mass is being offered during October and November at OLP.
 - o Deacon Lynn offered to guest speak in any of our RE classes regarding the new Mass.
 - o A draft layout of the new Mass was shown to Council members.
 - o Catholic Life for Teens (Theology of The Body). Roberta to give a short overview for adults/parents, as it was felt that perhaps the low participation is due to parents having concerns regarding the content of the course
 - o **Women's Group (Dee); No Report**

Meeting Rules: Be on time, Come Prepared, Listen Generously, Acknowledge and Appreciate Other's Opinions, Speak Honestly, Honor Commitments

- Respect for Life (**Peggy**); **No Report**
- Outreach; **No Report**

7:40 p.m. OLD BUSINESS

- I. Parish Picnic – Thoughts what went well, what didn't
- II. Report from St. Benedict Development Steering Committee – Jeff

8:10 p.m. NEW BUSINESS

- I. Deacon to discuss the 3rd translation of the mass
- II. Establishment of the new building committee recommendations of nominees

OTHER (10 min)

Directors Report – Deacon Lynn

8:50 p.m. Closing Prayer

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY October 11th, 2011 7:00PM