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Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – September 8, 2009

Attendance

Present: Pres. Mike O’Ryan, V.P. Cathy DeBernardis, Sec. George Klein, Members: Fr. Joseph Siegel, Fr. Matthew Pratscher, Marti Gusloff, Therese Lewis, Laura Murphy, Mark Rizzo, David Stevenson. Absent: Tony DiDomenico. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p. m. as Fr. Siegel led the opening prayer.

June Meeting Minutes

June 2009 meeting minutes distributed, reviewed and unanimously approved as presented.

Pastor’s Report

- 15 teachers/staff have taken 3 hour defibrillator training, one more date to come.
- More than 1/3 responded to the census and the information is being entered.
- Removal of A/C asbestos to start 9/14 – A/C to be turned off 10/01 for new install.
- Mike’s Picnic Report – Cut back inflatables and hoping for good weather.
- Visitation parishioner, Larry Thill, has entered the seminary at St. Meinrad School of Theology.
- David Stevenson has started his training for the diaconate 3 weeks ago.
- Sunday 9/13 Dominican Sisters speaking.
- Joliet is participating with Chicago and Rockford Dioceses on Catholics Come Home Campaign.
- Bishop Sartain has declared a Year of the Eucharist beginning on Holy Thursday, 2010 and concluding with a Eucharistic Congress in June 2011.
- This is also the Year of the Priest.
- School started with 533 students (same as 2008).
- Religious Education started with the largest attendance ever of 586 students (350 families).
- October 4, 2009, is Respect Life Sunday.
- Priests’ Convocation is October 5-8.
- Lenten Mission is March 21-23 and will be led by Fr. David Meconi, S.J.
- Two extra Easter Masses will be held next year in the Valentino Center at 8:30 a. m. and 10:00 a. m.
- Comprehensive calendar to be initiated.

Parochial Vicar’s Report

The new link on our website for resumes of parishioners seeking employment is working well.

Business Manager’s Report was distributed, reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

Building Campaign Update

Per the Business Manager’s Report, and all records are now entered from Lantz Bruni.

Old Business

- A. 40 Children attended our Catholic Summer Camp.
- B. The Parish directories are out and will be given to new parishioners when they register.

New Business

- A. Voting for New Parish Pastoral Council Members
 1. Brief discussion and vote held for three [3] new Parish Council Members. (Each Council Member may vote for up to three [3] candidates by secret ballot.) Three new Council Members elected for 3 year terms: Joe Falcone, Jean Lawrence, Sabrina Ruff.
 2. Council Members completing their terms are Tony DiDomenico, Mark Rizzo, and David Stevenson.

Open Discussion

- For our next meeting: The Council’s purpose and how we can better fulfill our role.
- Sharing Tree - Lexington Nursing Home was not included in this collection last year. Therese Lewis has taken on the effort of providing gifts for the Lexington residents and is seeking corporate sponsorship.
- Charitable Gold - \$10,000 was raised from the gold donations of 31 parishioners. A second gold event will be held in November.

Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Pratscher, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary