

## MINUTES

### Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – October 13, 2009

#### Attendance

Present: Pres. Mike O’Ryan, V.P. Cathy DeBernardis, Sec. George Klein, Members: Fr. Joseph Siegel, Joe Falcone, Marti Gusloff, Jean Lawrence, Laura Murphy, Sabrina Ruff. Absent: Fr. Matthew Pratscher, Therese Lewis. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. as Fr. Siegel led the opening prayer.

#### Welcome New Council Members/Introductions

The three new members (Joe Falcone, Jean Lawrence and Sabrina Ruff) and all of the present Council Members introduced themselves.

#### September 2009 Meeting Minutes

September 2009 meeting minutes distributed, reviewed and unanimously approved.

#### Pastor’s Report

-Fr. Siegel mentioned that Fr. Matt is coordinating the RCIA program, which also meets on Tuesday evenings, and so he may not be able to attend many Council meetings.

-Thank you to Laura Murphy and Mike O’Ryan for coordinating an excellent picnic.

-Religious education has started and is overflowing with over 600 students.

-Discussed the Joliet Diocesan Catholics Come Home program and mentioned that the parish is seeking a coordinator.

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

#### Building Campaign Update

-Fr. Siegel asked for ideas for raising more funds. The suggestions included making a December push for end of the year donations (tax write-offs) and a Spring push after income tax refunds have been received.

#### Old Business

A new couple has been found to coordinate the PADS program for the parish

#### New Business

A. The role/purpose of the Visitation Parish Pastoral Council was discussed. Mike O’Ryan read the purpose from the Council’s Constitution for the new members and to remind the existing members.

B. The Officers’ election resulted in Mike O’Ryan being reelected President, Sabrina Ruff elected as Vice President, and George Klein reelected Secretary.

#### Open Discussion

-For our next meeting: Review the new parishioner packet and the one year anniversary letter.

-George Klein suggested asking the Business Manager to place in her monthly report the year to date Parish’s budgeted revenues/expenditures vs. actual and the to date capital campaign cash vs. pledges vs. goal.

#### Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Siegel, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary