

MINUTES

Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – November 3, 2009

Attendance

Present: Pres. Mike O’Ryan, Sec. George Klein, Fr. Joseph Siegel, Joe Falcone, Marti Gusloff, Jean Lawrence, Therese Lewis, Laura Murphy. Excused: Fr. Matthew Pratscher, Cathy DeBernardis, V.P. Sabrina Ruff.

The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. as Fr. Siegel led the opening prayer.

Congratulations to Bishop-Elect Joseph M. Siegel

The meeting began after much discussion and good wishes shared with Fr. Siegel on his recent Vatican appointment to be our new Auxiliary Bishop.

October 2009 Meeting Minutes

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

Pastor’s Report

-The Diocesan Priest Personnel Board will begin the process of assigning a new pastor in January and should conclude by the end of March. The Parish Council will receive a questionnaire regarding the needs of the parish and the qualities needed in the new pastor.

-Starting in January, Fr. Siegel will spend at least one day per week in the Chancery office.

-Today Fr. Siegel attended a meeting for “Catholics Come Home”. Parishioners Jim and Bobbi Borris are the parish coordinators. Joe Falcone suggested making a parish DVD to send to non-practicing parishioners. The Council will look into the feasibility of producing such a DVD.

Business Manager’s Report

A very extensive three page report was distributed this month. Our Business Manager, Debbie Johnson, was available to present this information and promised similar information to the Council on a monthly basis. Debbie suggested a regular parish fundraiser such as a Bingo or Casino Night. The report was reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

Building Campaign Update

The collected and pledged vs. goals numbers were presented in the Business Manager’s Report.

Old Business

Mike O’Ryan suggested sending trained volunteers door-to-door to invite parishioners to come to Sunday Mass. The Council discussed how such solicitation would be received by parishioners.

New Business

A. Reviewed the packet provided at monthly New Parishioners’ Registration and Welcome Coffee and the 1st year “anniversary” letter. George Klein suggested information updates and contact information on our school insert. Joe Falcone suggested Visitation fast facts/at a glance/snapshot information on our parish directory insert.

B. A Finance Committee Representative will come to Pastoral Council meetings to give a report after Finance Committee meetings.

C. A Pastoral Council Representative is going to try to be at the Diocesan Cluster Meetings.

Open Discussion

None

Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Monday, November 30, 2009. The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Siegel, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary