

MINUTES
Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – November 30, 2009

Attendance

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. as Fr. Siegel led the opening prayer.

November 2009 Meeting Minutes

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

Pastor’s Report

The Parish is preparing for both the Ordination of our new Auxiliary Bishop and for our new Pastor. A meeting has been set for Friday, December 04, 2009 with the Diocese to ask for permission to seek bids.

Business Manager’s Report

The Council requested that Debbie be instructed to provide at all meetings the most recent year collections/actual receipts to date vs the budgeted amount to date vs the prior year to date. Debbie suggested in a memo to the Council that a bulletin article be inserted regarding the importance of parishioners filing parish census forms, and George suggested she instruct Regina to implement same. The report was reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented with these comments and those under Building Campaign Update below.

Building Campaign Update

The latest available numbers, both collected and pledged, vs. goals for same, were not received. The Council requested that no month go by without the figures being reported in a consistent format. The Council specifically requested that Debbie provide at all meetings the latest available figures to date, i.e. actual dollars collected plus interest earned (minus expenses paid) vs total pledges received vs dollar amount of the goal. In order to evaluate our progress, we need to know both dollar amounts and percentages. The total cost of the project and the dollar amount of the pledges needed to commence construction equals 100% vs the dollar amount of the pledges received to date and their respective percentage of the goal is specifically requested. The dollar amount of cash needed to commence construction equals 75% vs the total dollar amount of cash received to date and its respective percentage of the goal is also requested. Lastly, the Council requested the total amount of cash on hand (gross dollars received + interest earned – total dollars spent to date = total dollars on hand).

Old Business

Regarding the production of a video to invite more registered parishioners to come to Sunday Mass, Joe found a high cost option of reproduction to be between \$.96 and \$1.06 each and the low cost option ranged from \$.54 to \$.58 each plus production and mailing costs.

New Business

- A. Is our Youth Ministry still effective? Mrs. Colleen Case, Youth Minister, to be invited to come to our January meeting.
- B. Should the Parish start a Facebook page? Fr. Pratscher to help implement same.

Open Discussion

None

Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Pratscher, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary