

MINUTES

Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – January 5, 2010

Attendance

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. as Fr. Pratscher led the opening prayer.

December 2009 Meeting Minutes

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

Parochial Vicar’s Report

1. Newly ordained Deacon John Lindsey will be here beginning January 24, 2010.
2. Christmas comments: Both 4:00 P.M. Masses were at capacity. George Klein requested that in the future, the Mass held in Podesta Hall begin at 4:05 P.M. to facilitate ushers being able to efficiently handle Offertory collections and the receipt of Communion on both levels.
3. There is no news yet on a new Pastor for Visitation as the Personnel Board has not met.
4. We will have a new occasional 6:15 A.M. weekday assistant, Father Ben, who is a chaplain at Veteran’s Hospital
5. Seminarian Paul Solomon from Naperville will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of January 10.
6. A ticket mishap occurred regarding the Bishop’s ordination with some receiving tickets incorrectly and others receiving invites without tickets.
7. Fr. Matt will be at a workshop the week of January 11.
8. Fr. Siegel will return from Rome on January 9.

Business Manager’s Report

Debbie Johnson was present, distributed her monthly report including Sunday collection as well as capital campaign information, and responded to numerous questions. The Council has requested similar information be available at every meeting.

Building Campaign Update

Good news - our cash received has exceeded 75% of goal, and our pledges have surpassed 89%. While we still need 100% of goal pledged to be able to commence construction, the Diocese has approved our going out for bids.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Colleen Case, Youth Minister, has the stomach flu so was not present as originally scheduled.
2. Joe Falcone mentioned that his previous parish had monthly “Good Samaritan” dinners.

Open Discussion

Joe Falcone asked if our parish sponsors retreats.

Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. The closing prayer was offered by Fr. Pratscher, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary