

**MINUTES**  
**Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – February 2, 2010**

**Attendance**

Present: Pres. Mike O’Ryan, Sec. George Klein, Marti Gusloff, Jean Lawrence, Therese Lewis, Laura Murphy, V.P. Sabrina Ruff (arrival @ 8:12 P.M.), Bishop Siegel, Father Matt, and Deacon Tony. Excused: Cathy DeBernardis and Joe Falcone.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. as Bishop Siegel led the opening prayer.

**January 2010 Meeting Minutes**

January 2010 meeting minutes were distributed, reviewed and unanimously approved as presented.

**Pastor’s Report**

1. Bishop Siegel thanked everyone for their participation in his ordination, Pontifical Mass and celebrations.
2. Father Scott Huggins, 35 years old, has been appointed as the new Pastor for our parish and will arrive on June 23.
3. Father Theodore’s last Mass will be held on February 7 at 8:30 A.M. with a reception following.
4. Father Tivy will be returning from Florida to resume as our weekend assistant.
5. We will have a visiting priest to assist when Bishop Siegel is gone for Confirmations/other Diocese responsibilities.
6. Ash Wednesday is fast approaching.
7. School dinner dance is upcoming.
8. Visitation Confirmation is scheduled for March 16 with Bishop Siegel confirming our parish students.

**Deacon Tony’s Report**

1. Bids sent out for our building project on 2/2.
2. Pre-bid meeting to be held on 2/10.
3. Bids to be opened on 2/24.
4. Contract(s) could be awarded as early as 3/10 if the bids come in within the range of the funds that have been pledged/collected through our Capital Campaign.
5. We anticipate work could begin by 3/31.

**Colleen Case’s Report on Youth Program**

1. An average of 23 junior high students attend each meeting.
2. An average of 20 high school students attend each meeting.
3. An average of 34 college students attend each meeting.
4. 166 students have participated in service projects thus far this school year.
5. 89 students have participated in mission trips to date.
6. 20 students have participated in conferences thus far this school year.
7. An average of 280 students per year participate in 2 or more programs.
8. New parish youth website under construction – youth.visitationparish.org.
9. Parish youth group facebook page is “visitation youth group”.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Due to the reports given by Deacon Tony and Colleen Case, all new business was postponed until the next meeting.

**Open Discussion**

1. George Klein questioned the need for a Parish Pastoral Council candidate introduction form, but all decided to instead give more thought to the blurb posted in the bulletin when the time comes.

**Closing**

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The closing prayer was offered by Bishop Siegel, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary