

MINUTES
Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – May 4, 2010

Attendance

Present: Pres. Mike O’Ryan, Vice Pres. Sabrina Ruff, Sec. George Klein, Cathy DeBernardis, Joe Falcone, Marti Gusloff, Jean Lawrence, Therese Lewis (arrived at 7:05 P.M.), Laura Murphy and Bishop Siegel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. as Bishop Siegel led the opening prayer.

March 2010 Meeting Minutes

George had found an error in the March 2010 meeting minutes, corrected same and requested a new approval which was unanimous.

April 2010 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were distributed, reviewed and unanimously approved as presented.

Construction Report

Bishop Siegel presented Deacon Tony’s written update.

Pastor’s Report

1. Bishop Siegel advised that there will be Masses in the Valentino Center on Mother’s Day at 8:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.
2. Deacon John Lindsey will be ordained a priest on June 5, and he will celebrate his first Mass at 5:15 P.M. that same night at Visitation.
3. Bishop Siegel’s last day as our Pastor will be June 23.

Business Manager’s Report

Report including collections to date showing a more than \$62,000 deficit was distributed and reviewed. The Business Manager reported a larger than usual school tuition collection problem.

Capital Campaign Update

The Business Manager did not present any information.

Old Business

Carl Scheeler, Director of Religious Education, was asked to be present at this evening’s meeting, but was unable to attend.

New Business

Carl Scheeler has been asked to attend the June 1 meeting. Vice Pres. Sabrina Ruff has resigned from the Council effective at the June, 2010 meeting as she will be attending law school out of state.

Open Discussion

George suggested that the Diocese consider requesting seminarians to pay back the dollars the Diocese spends on their education if they decide to leave the priesthood or request a transfer from our Diocese prior to celebrating their 10 year anniversary. The Diocese could use a grant type scenario, i.e. part of their “loan” is forgiven each year that they serve as a priest in our Diocese. George added that the number of relatively newly ordained priests from our Diocese who are leaving the priesthood, he believes the number is 4 in the past 5 years, as well as today’s economy would seem to dictate that it cannot be “business as usual” regarding the way the Diocese spends monies on the education of seminarians.

Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. The closing prayer was offered by Bishop Siegel, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary