

Minutes of the Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – October 6, 2011

Present: President Jean Lawrence, Vice President Joe Falcone, Secretary George Klein, Ted Augelli, Robert Bennett Donna Carling, Kathy DeBernardis (left at 8:18 P.M.), Kelly Guziowski, Michael Honquist and Therese Lewis. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. as Father Huggins played a recorded message from Bishop Conlin on October being "Respect Life Month" followed by Father's opening prayer.

Welcome

All existing members introduced themselves, and new members, Donna Carling and Michael Honquist were welcomed.

Pastor's Report

Administrative:

1. Again no financial information provided from Business Manager
2. The past fiscal year's final numbers should be available at our November meeting following their presentation to the Finance Council later this month.

Liturgical:

1. Beautiful dedication last month
2. Pet blessing scheduled this month
3. Respect Life crosses have again been installed on parish property
4. November 2 at 7:00 P.M. – liturgy will be held for the families of this past year's deceased parishioners
5. Father Jan will be in Poland 10/5 – 10/22

Education:

1. Father Huggins will be meeting w/vendors interested in supplying WiFi for the school which is being funded by the interest earned from the endowment fund.
2. The Father's Club is looking into providing new laptop computers for all teachers.
3. Father Huggins attended the bi-annual Diocesan Priest convocation and Jubilarian Dinner earlier this week. Bishop Imesch and Cardinal George were also present.
4. Father Huggins to begin this month meeting monthly with parish staff including Barb, Carl and Colleen.

Goals

Increased Communication

1. Bulletin improvements – website to be enhanced and parish ministries information to be installed in the new Parish Center
2. "Ask Father" section – Father concerned about finding the time to address regularly
3. Children writing inspirational items – Therese to contact Colleen Case so monthly bulletin inserts begin in Oct.
4. Updated Parish Registration Forms and Opportunities For Service Forms both on card stock, still to come
5. Council will have group photo taken at November's meeting

Adult Faith Formation

1. New name for catechism - Vis ACT – Adult Catholic Teaching

New Goals

1. How to engage the 70% of registered parishioners who do not regularly attend Sunday Mass?
2. How to increase from 30% of registered parishioners regularly attending Sunday Mass to 40%?
3. Comment monthly on likes and dislikes of last month's Masses

School benchmarking

Joe to contact School Board President to discuss October meeting date - George and Joe have agreed to attend

New Business

Joe read parishioner letter to Pastor and Parish Council re: no longer having altar servers at 6:15 A.M. daily Mass

Selection of Officers

Left to end of meeting, out of time, will be handled first thing at next meeting

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room at new Parish Center

Closing Prayer

A Hail Mary was offered by Father Huggins, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary