

**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2009**  
**7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Room**

**Present: Father John, Carrie Whitacre, Joy Case, Ron Daulton, Nini Milbrath, Heidi Young**

**Also present: Larry Huiras, Mary Piasecki, Anjanette Conway, Terry Bogenhagen, Claire Zajac, Brian Huffman, Mark Matuga, Dianne Evert, Phyllis Koss**

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Whitacre at 7:05 PM.

Prayer - the Readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent were read and discussed.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The Minutes from the February 24, 2009 meeting were approved.

Chapter 2 of Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium - the Call to Community were discussed. With regard to Small Christian (Church) Communities, Ron Daulton presented his experience with being in a SCC in Colorado and offered to look into the feasibility of bringing the experience of SCC to St. Patrick Parish.

Father John announced that Heidi Young and Roger Pelzel have agreed to serve and additional 4 year term on the Council.

**Finance Council Report:** Brian Huffman presented an update on the state of our finances with their recommendations to staff, including specific members, as well as recommended actions to the Pastoral Council those being:

- Discourage targeted giving
- Set goals for events and make sure those events take place
- Set policy for percent of school operation to be paid by the church / tuition
- Prioritize unfilled staff positions
- Recommend personnel policies regarding hiring, pay, etc.

Pastoral Council members feel that added to the recommendation of setting goals for parish events is seeing that chairpersons have a person or couple to shadow them and 'learn the ropes' to take over the following year, instead of continuing to wear out our volunteers.

The present contract with WIPFLI is open ended so they will be on board as long as they are needed and will be developing a new bookkeeping system for the entire parish/school/formation as well as training those who will eventually maintain it.

In the future the Finance Council will be copied on minutes and agenda for Pastoral Council.

**Fall Fest Report:** Nini reported on her meeting with Lori and Tim Gross. They are excited to be in charge of this year's Fall Fest and seem to have great ideas and support people in place. Lori is looking into getting a large ticket item for the top raffle prize. Accurate accounting will be kept for each event to determine which are worth keeping.

She also will be contacting the KC's to see what their contribution will be in furnishing the food for the event using their new trailer that is self-contained for fixing and serving food. The dates for the Fall Fest are September 18, 19, 20.

Pastoral Planning Day is April 4, 2009 from 8 AM to noon.

Father John led the Council in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next regular meeting: April 28, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Koss

***Mission Statement:***

***Our Mission is to celebrate, support and share our Catholic heritage in such a way that through Word and Sacraments we may be formed into a servant people who reach out to everyone spiritually and physically from conception through death.***