

Minutes

St. Patrick Church Pastoral Council

July 28, 2009

Present: Father Dan, Father Bill, Carrie Whitacre, Joy Case, Nini Milbrath, Roger Pelzel, Heidi Young

Also present: Claire Zajac, Phyllis Koss

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Prayer: The Gospel for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time was read and discussed. In future parish meetings, the reading will be the Gospel from the previous Sunday. The Guide for prayer at Parish Meetings prepared by Larry and the Formation Committee will need to be revised to reflect this change.

1. The Minutes from the April 28, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Members present introduced themselves to Father Dan.

3. Remarks by Father Dan about Pastoral Council:

He will see that each member receives the Superior Diocesan Guidelines about Parish Councils and Finance Councils.

The role of the parish council is to look at the parish mission statement and see how it is being carried out in the ministries and activities of the parish; to see that there is an ongoing conversion to the vision of the parish.

Father Dan sees Stewardship as the umbrella over all parish ministries.

We need a greater emphasis on Vocations to priesthood, religious life, and lay ministry.

Research will be done to see if a tool for self evaluation of the parish is possibly available from CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) out of Georgetown.

4. Discussion of Fall Agenda

Parish Council will meet: September, November, January, March, May, June
Committees will meet the alternate months.

Staff will give reports at each Parish Council meeting.

5. Vision Statement

Connection with the Diocese is missing.

Vision statement along with the minutes from the April planning session will be sent to all committees for their review, reflection, and feedback.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Koss, recording secretary

Next meeting: September 22, 2009

St. Patrick's 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.