

Pastoral Council Minutes
October 3, 2011

Attendees: Gerry Deehan, John Dorger, Kevin Kohls, Brian Krause, Ken Krusling, Debbie Meinhardt, Claudia Miller, Annemarie Moushey, Jane Mueninghoff, Barb Utrata, Joe Werling and Father Don

Preliminaries: The meeting opened with the Pastoral Council Prayer at 7:00 pm. The reflection was presented by Barb Utrata.

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of May Minutes – The minutes were approved and seconded as written.

2. Approval of September Minutes – The minutes were approved and seconded as written.

3. Organizational Items

a. Calendar Update – The master list was circulated so Pastoral Council members could sign up to do opening reflection and closing prayers at this year's meetings.

b. New parishoner welcome – Kevin suggested that we do the deliveries over a couple weekends since there are so many. He'll get routes out to us by email and we are to choose which we want and which weekend and let him know so he can order the bread.

c. Ministry Reports – 1.) Special needs retreat at Oct 22 at St. Max and we will support them as their needs dictate. Annemarie will give us an update after she contacts them. 2.) Other ministries will give reports as we ask for information rather than have staff come and give job descriptions. Suggestions: Green Committee, Marriage Prep Program, and any others that are desired after review of the time and talent form on the SJ website.

4. Visioning Project Another visioning day would be helpful in November at Mueller-Parker. Annemarie will contact Jack re available dates.

a. Review for new members – No new members were present. It is important to include them in this project by pairing with ongoing members.

b. Update action steps – all

3. Fr. Don's Comments

a. Listening sessions – Council was given copies of the synopsis of the consensus from the groups at the listening sessions. Father Don felt there was a cross-section of the Parish. The majority of the sessions were productive. Staff will have a day in October when they will go over this feedback. Father will get back to us after meeting with staff.

b. New Roman Missal They should be on the way to the parishes. On November 9 and 15 there will be walk-thru masses for the New Roman Missal. These masses will be webcast and are available for a week. Father will talk at all the masses in early November to talk about the New Roman Missal.

c. Finances – The Parish will be conducting a program to increase financial stewardship. One of three witnesses: Jeanene Denler, Brian Krause, and Father Don; will speak at each Mass to discuss the financial needs of the parish. As part of this program, commitment cards will be distributed during the homily by hospitality ministers. If cards are not returned, there will be direct mailings. The diocese is paying for the program. In other parishes there has been a 15-20% increase as a result of this program.

d. Generations of Faith – It should be an outstanding program. The Speaker is from University of Dayton.

Closing Prayer – Brian Krause read "Remember".

Next meeting: Monday, November 7, 2011