

Pastoral Council

November 19, 2009 - Meeting Minutes
Faithfully submitted by Maria Lahr

Members present: Morris Keeling, Mary Lynn Roles, Alex Lopez, Maria Lahr, Mike Diedrichs, Mike Monnens, Pam Peterson, Troy Bentler, La Verne Feld

Members absent: John Foley, Kent Schmitz,

Also Present: Fr. Bernie Gruenes, Deacon Joe Kresky, Hal Undersander, Mary Thyen, Sr. Carol Virnig

Prayer:

October Meeting Minutes:

Pam motion to approve, Morris. 2nd, minutes approved.

New Council Member Selection:

Jenni Johnstone stepped down from the Pastoral council and the open seat will be filled by Dale Gruber.

Ministry Committee Reports:

Liturgy – Pam Peterson

- a. The new choir area is working very well.
- b. Dan Cramers from Home Electronics will volunteer his time to install direct boxes for instruments and microphones.
- c. Advent decorations go up on Nov 28th. December 6 St. Nick will visit.
- d. Hoping to assemble a funeral choir.

Finance – John Walsh

- a. Expenses are close to budget – graphs presented and discussed.
- b. The finance committee would like to send out a letter to parishioners to notify them of the churches financials with signatures from the Borad of Ed, finance and Pastoral council.
- c. Thank you to John and Lee for all their work on our parish finances!

Faith Rally / Celebration Church Remodel

The attendance was very low compared to last year. Issues to consider for next year: Timing of event (Halloween/November 1st), continuity of movement (natural flow at end of mass to event), promotion. Start discussing in March 2010 for planning next fall.

Fr. Bernie Report:

The three pastors (Fr. Bernie, Fr. Allen & Fr. Joseph) will meet on Friday to discuss direction that the parishes will move from here. All pastors need to be in agreement prior to others getting involved. Plan to be on next month's agenda to review the progress. We need to look at evangelization (faith formation – youth and adult, 4 Catholic schools in the 5 parishes). The will discuss the whole picture at the meeting. Initial plan needs to be started by May 2010; schools by Jan 2011.

Diocesan Pastoral Council Representative:

La Verne received a letter from the chancery office for a questionnaire request that surveys multiple demographics within the parish. The four priorities are: social justice, leadership, stewardship, and

reconciliation. Since we as pastoral council went through the process, La Verne will gather and report our discussions.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 10, 2009 @ 8:00 p.m.

Review goals and objectives to implement this year