

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Minutes
St. Mary's Parish Center
April 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dick Ginther.

Moment of Silence to reflect on the presence of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER: Pat Laughlin

PRESENT: Father Hummer, Dick Ginther, Pat Reed, Mike Lanning, Chrissy Kessler, Pat Laughlin, Fritz Schafer, Mike Haller, Kristen Dodd, Karen Leeth, Kathy Senff

EXCUSED: Juanita Cushing, Ron Zedalis, Mike Hirsch, Brian Jenkins, Wendy Arth, Laura Corcoran, Mary Greeno.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: George Lovensheimer, Joan D'Antoni

SPIRITUAL READING, REFLECTION AND FAITH SHARING: Pat Laughlin shared a reading from Jeremiah 29. Discussion followed.

READING OF THE RULE OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION: Article XI – Mike Lanning

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES: Minutes approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: Dick Ginther acknowledged that Juanita Cushing had undergone surgery. He also remarked that he had visited with Father Foxen, and he is doing very well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Saint Vincent de Paul saw 168 adults, 162 children, 101 visits. Expenditures were food \$1060, utilities \$1095.39, housing \$137, transportation \$81.05, other \$83.5 for a total of 2611.95. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will sponsor a Chili Dinner in the Family Life Center on Sunday, May 2nd at 12:00 pm. The Society will also hold the annual Mother's Day weekend Bake Sale May 8 & 9 in the Family Life Center. Donation of baked goods would be greatly appreciated.

FAMILY LIFE: Karen Leeth reported a small reception was held for First Communion on Saturday, March 27 after the 11:00 Mass. Congratulations to those children. We hosted two beautiful receptions during Holy Week, Tuesday & Wednesday, in the Family Life Center. There were about 80 in attendance on Tuesday and around 100 on Wednesday night. Thanks to all of you who attended and most importantly to the committee for help with food. The committee will host the Confirmation reception after the 11:00 mass on April 25th. If you would like to help with this or any event throughout the year please contact Karen Leeth at 775-6020 or by email

leethfamily@roadrunner.com. The Lazarus Committee had two funerals the month of March. The Lazarus committee served a luncheon for family and friends of Sharon Wikle. Thank you to the Lazarus committee for all the wonderful food and support they give these families. If you would like to help or just provide a dish please contact Marvin Riley at 775-3098. Food is always welcome.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: It was reported that this Thursday teens can hear guest speaker Debbie Nunziato during 7:00 social time. This Sunday, 3:45 - 6:00, there will be a spaghetti dinner fund raiser. Please come and help us raise fund for the youth group. Proceeds will go towards DTS, white water rafting, and other youth group activities. April 16, 17, 18 CCT will have a production at St. Peter's Parish Hall. We are selling concessions. Your help is greatly appreciated. Let me know when you can work! Friday/Saturday is setup at 7:00, performance at 8:00. Sunday is setup at 1:00, performance at 2:00. We will be selling popcorn, candy, pop, and water . . . easy stuff!

FINANCE COUNCIL: Mike Haller reported on preliminary discussion with the architect regarding capitol improvements to the church and parish buildings.

DEANERY REPORT: Fr. Sullivan was not present so the meeting was called to order by Nancy Plescia who also gave the opening prayer. In attendance were representatives from St. Sylvester, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Colman, St. Joseph and St. Mary. Parish reports were given. Discussion was held concerning the election of a Deanery Council president. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting. In response to a question by Bishop Campbell, members felt that the majority of parishioners lived within the boundaries of the parish. One question that did surface: How many of our registered parishioners attend mass? We also discussed possible topics of general concern that could be discussed at future meetings. It was suggested that a ministeries training be held for our deanery, sponsored by the diocese. It was requested that this include sacristans. This would be held at one central location to benefit all our parishes. Check to see if there is any interest in your home parishes.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Hummer reported a positive response to his recent newsletter. He thanks those who participated in Holy Week. We are reminded of the upcoming auction at Bishop Flaget. Confirmation will be held on April 25 at the 11:00 mass.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Dodd
Secretary