

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Minutes
St Mary's Parish Center
January 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Juanita Cushing

OPENING PRAYER: Mike Hirsch

PRESENT: Father Hummer, Juanita Cushing, Mike Hirsch, Brian Jenkins, Pat Reed. Ron Zedalis, Mike Lanning, Wendy Arth, Chrissy Kessler, Pat Laughlin, Karen Leeth.

EXCUSED: Kristen Dodd, Dick Ginther, Fritz Schafer, Mike Haller, Laura Corcoran, Mary Greeno

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: George Lovensheimer, Joan D'Antoni

SPIRITUAL READING: Mike Hirsch shared a reading from Jeremiah 17 verses 5 – 8. A discussion followed.

READING OF THE RULE OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL: Chrissy Kessler read Articles VII and VIII . Article VIII, section A will read "Keep faithful and true minutes of all meetings of the Council with copies to the parish secretary for publication, and each member of the Council for their records."

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION: Catholic School Week begins Sunday, January 31. The Spaghetti dinner will be held February 2.

YOUTH REPORT: A snow-tubing trip to Mad River Mountain is in the works for February. We are also working on having a special event for those not traveling to DC on January 21st. Also, those who are attending the March for Life and those who are not are asked to attend the Rosary for Life recitation on Wednesday, January 20, 7:10 p.m. at St. Peter's Church. Come pray for life, pray for those of us traveling to DC and pray to end abortion. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FAMILY LIFE: Please plan on joining the Family Life Committee as we host another Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, January 17th. Coffee and Donuts are served after each of the Sunday Mass times. Please come over with your family and friends and spend just a few minutes with us. The Family Life Committee is preparing for their annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon which is set for Saturday, January 30, 2010. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. The Mother/Daughter Luncheon is one of the most attended gatherings we have all year. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. This should be a day to remember so please don't miss it. Father/Son Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 20th. Watch the bulletin for more information. If you would like to help with this or any event throughout the year please contact Karen Leeth at 77-6020 or by email at leethfamily@roadrunner.com. We would love for you to share your time and talents with us. The Lazarus Committee had no funerals the month of December.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Kathy Senff submitted the following report on the activities of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. For the month of December 2009, the Society helped household totals of 180 adults, 135 children, for 111 visits. Disbursements were Food - \$1,190.00; Utilities - \$806.70; Housing - \$332.00; Transportation - \$110.00; Medical - \$136.29; Other - \$125.00 for a total of \$2,699.99. During 2009, SVDP helped a total of 1,494 families and had a total disbursement of \$33,661.43.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Sacraments – There will be a parent meeting for First Eucharist on Sunday, January 10th, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. There will be a parent meeting for Confirmation on Sunday, January 24th at 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The Inmate Care Unit volunteers gathered in the Sacred Heart Chapel at CCI on Friday December 18th to bag cookies for the inmate Christmas packages. Father Hummer, sporting a hairnet and plastic gloves, came to help. Volunteers returned to the Chapel on Saturday December 19th to assemble and distribute the packages. Each inmate received a bag containing a can of pop, bar of soap, toothpaste, razor, toothbrush, pen, datebook, a bag of cookies, a bag of candy, a Little Debbie snack, a package of Ramen Noodles, and a bag of chips. 2850 inmates came to the Chapel for the distribution. Approximately 120 bags were packaged and delivered to various dorms. There were a total of 12 volunteers and approximately 20 inmates that helped with this project

FINANCIAL: Father reported the financials looked good. He also announced that St. Mary's would be sending their third payment of \$5,000 to the Adena Health Foundation for the PACCAR Education Center. There are two payments remaining.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father discussed at length the changes proposed by the Bishops for the Mass. He is quite concerned with the translations offered so far and thinks they should be studied and discussed at Pastoral Council meetings, and suggested Council read comments on the website www.whatifwejustsaidwait.org. These studies will begin in February.

OLD BUSINESS: We had the third and final reading of the changes in Article IV, section 4 of the Pastoral Council Constitution.

SECRET COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CLOSING PRAYER

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Evanoff

Recording Secretary