

Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

January 11, 2012

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday, January 11 with the following members present: Dennis DeBlock, Grant Coons, Nelldene Fambrough, Charlene Oliver, Theresa Sander, Mary McNeal, Polly Dixon, and Bill Morgan. Fr. Mathew Perumpally was also present. Joe Cauthen was absent.

The meeting began at 7:00pm with a Gospel Sharing. Grant passed out to the Council members some new nametags to be worn at all the Masses. The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were approved. Mary made a motion to approve them and Nelldene seconded it. It was also announced that the closing on the adjacent property would be Tuesday, January 17th.

New Evangelization was discussed at length. Father was pleased to announce that all the YouCats that he had ordered had been sold and that he was taking advanced orders for a new shipment. Dennis recommended that the church use our website for more effective evangelization. Dennis is planning to collaborate with Michelle Brenner, the current person in charge of the website, on getting the website modernized and updated. Mary suggested having the teens of the church take on the website as a project. Theresa will suggest it to the teens. It was suggested that parishioners should be able to post questions and comments on the website and perhaps even copies of Father's homilies should be made available on it. Pictures of all events should be placed on the website.

A tentative date was suggested for the Taste of New Orleans. February 18th or 19th were suggested, but more details cannot be made until we speak with the caterer. Dennis will speak with Paul Hudson and get the details from last year's party.

The New Parish Directory was discussed at length. Dennis reminded us that we are trying to do this at no cost. Bill suggested putting the new directory on a disc. Pictures will be taken between the Masses as conveniently as possible for the families. Theresa will be organizing event pictures.

There is a great need for a new system for addressing food needs, such as funeral luncheons. Diana Morgan is no longer able to head up that task. Father Mathew, Nelldene, and Charlene will call together a meeting of the "Cookies" to discuss a new approach. Nelldene said that she thought we needed somebody to organize the system and delegate jobs to the "Cookies." Charlene suggested that at the end of every Phone Tree message, it should say something along the lines of "If you would like to provide a dish, please contact the organizer" and then give the organizers number. A special collection could be taken on one Sunday's Masses for funeral luncheon expense, preferably around All Souls Day.

Father reminded us that he is going to be away on vacation from Jan. 23 thru Feb. 15. Dennis was congratulated on the beauty of the new banner hanging in the front of the church. A suggestion was made that during Lent, children should be asked to bring canned goods for the collection. Grant announced that the Monk Supper will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, in the evening.

The Financial Newsletter was read and approved.

The meeting ended at 9:00pm with a prayer. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 23 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Sander