

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2010

Council Members Present:

Fr. King Nancie Rowan
Dick Becker Sandy Basinger
Mike Murphy Carolyn Hall

Excused:

Fr. Luis Osorio Terri Reichley
Kevin Riley Auriette Fullilove
Jerry Cribben Max Abram
Ronnie Rodriguez

Also Present:

Margy Hoppin

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) **Members to address the Charter and best implement those recommendations (email handout from Ronnie, Carolyn, and Dick) for the success of our Parish Council.**
- 2) **Mike Murphy to contact Jim Wald and Peggy Martin to present a demo on the “new” St. Mary’s website to the council members.**
- 3) **Mike Murphy to follow up with Myra Pope on the planning of the Ministry Fair.**
- 4) **Fr. King to contact Chico Mastropalo and ask if he would be willing to take the task of updating the St. Mary’s pamphlet/directory.**
- 5) **Margy to contact John Baillie to discuss the feasibility of the setting up of a pastoral council contact email. Also, once established, to advertise in the bulletin the information for the parishioners.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Dick Becker. Mike Murphy opened the meeting by reading the parable about the seeds. Reflection followed.

Reviewed the minutes from the last meeting, October 29th, 2009 - Approved as is.

Comments from the members of the council who were present at the meeting, noticing the majority of the members were not present. Dick Becker was not able to contact every member to remind them of the meeting. It was noted that at the last meeting the announcement was made that the next Council Meeting was scheduled for Thurs., Jan 28th, 2010. Dick was sorry that more council members were not present but the meeting proceeded with six council members in attendance.

Old Business/Action Items:

- I. Dick B. contacted Bob Shearer for clarification on the Neighborhood Network Program. Dick was unable to speak with Bob, but left a message on his voicemail. Bob had yet to return Dick’s message as of the Council Meeting (Jan. 28th). The decision was made to Table the neighborhood network program until the time we can get a better understanding of the concept of the program as well as a clear understanding of what the program will accomplish for St. Mary’s.
- II. At the last council meeting, Carolyn, Ronnie, and Dick were tasked to review the Parish Council Charter and how to best fulfill the mandates of that charter. The three members did meet and Dick Becker distributed their summary, via email format, to the members of the meeting.

Two areas of focus were discussed in the meeting and communicated through the summary outline: 1) The Parish Council MUST be made effective and, 2) Council members existing assignments and the procedure of electing new members to the council. A review of the recommendations identified in the summary were well-received by all. Dick Becker will forward the summary to those council members not in attendance.

Action Item: Discuss in detail the recommendations, point by point, and work towards implementation of those recommendations for the success of our Parish Council.

- III. The Council received Ronnie Rodriguez's letter of resignation, effective immediately. His resignation has been reluctantly accepted by the council members present.
- IV. Website Update – **Action Item: Mike Murphy to contact Jim Wald and Peggy Martin to present to the council a demo on the “new” St. Mary’s website.**
- V. Kudos to Rick Berthume on his speaking debut for the Stewardship push over the holidays. The Stewardship Campaign is to begin in the Spring.
- VI. Dick Becker handed out an email from our Youth Coordinators, Drew & Susan Schmidt. This email outlined their progress for the period, October 2009 through January 2010. Once again, kudos to both Drew and Susan, for giving their time, talent, and treasure (hearts) to the youth of our parish. The response is very encouraging and they are looking forward to working with the Hispanic Ministry in developing their own youth ministry,
- VII. Dick Becker also handed out a flyer for the Prayer Chain. An informational flyer which identified the three ladies who take care of this important ministry – Toni Breaux, Debra Pruet, and Kathy Dudley. We will use the bulletin to spread the word about our Prayer Chain ministry.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. The members of the council expressed their desire to have an updated Ministry Directory/Pamphlet for the parishioners. The directory/pamphlet which was put together in 2004 is very outdated and there is a need for a new directory/pamphlet. A suggestion was placed on the table as to who could take on this task; Fr. King volunteered to approach Chico Mastropalo and him if he would like to spear-head the updating of the directory/pamphlet. **Action Item: Fr. King to contact Chico on updating the St. Mary’s directory.**
- II. There was a discussion on the perception of the Council as to what do we accomplish in these meetings. The parishioners have approached various members with inquiries about, “are decisions ever made?” The council must be more visible and accessible to our congregation! A suggestion was to be able to contact the Parish Council members with the parishioners needs, concerns, and suggestions. One suggestion was to have a published email for all to submit their ideas. This email would be filtered through to Dick Becker, President – Dick would review the email then forward to the members for discussion. **Action Item: Margy to contact John Baillie to discuss the feasibility of the setting up of the email. Also, once established, to advertise in the bulletin the information for the parishioners.**
- III. Fr. King announced that he has been in preliminary discussions with Catholic Social Services regarding a HUD Project for the elderly. The property for the facility would be purchased from St. Mary’s – Fr. King passed around preliminary drawings of the facility, which at this point, would be located on the corner of Seminole and Barton (taking over the Helping Hands facility and the other two buildings in the vicinity). Fr. King assured the members that Helping Hands would be designated a space in the new facility. Again, Fr. King did stress that this project is in the infantile state – the talks are on-going. Details will be announced as they come to light.

CLOSING

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. Our next two meetings have been scheduled:

Monday, March 22, 2010 - 7:00pm in the Pastoral Center

Monday, May 24, 2010 - 7:00pm in the Pastoral Center

Please note: The day of the week has been changed to accommodate Fr. Luis’ scheduled day off, which is Thursday.