

**SS MARY & JOSEPH PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2008

**I. Prayer**

Father Tom Donovan led members of the Pastoral Council with prayer at 7:00 p.m. on September 9 at the Parish Center. Present at the meeting: Annette Bellm, Robin Black, Dorothy Bomkamp, Lori Egelhoff, Dan Kallal, Valerie Knight, Carol Link, Rebecca Marchiori, Laurie Nolan, Johanna Gillan De Orozco, Connie Reid, Veryl Reiher, Rick Verticchio, Sue Vieceli, and Diane Ahrens, recording secretary.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Council members approved the minutes of the July 8, 2008 meeting.

**III. Function and Organizational Nature of the Pastoral Council:**

A Pastoral Council's function is to be the eyes and ears of the parish for the pastor. Members should listen to parishioners and motivate them to become more active in the parish community. Council is requested to come to a consensus on discussion items.

**IV. Old Business:**

- a. Facilities Policy Notes:** There is a nominal 'charge' of \$50 (all of which go to debt reduction). Only parishioners may use the facilities for activities. The gym is not available for private activities unless a Certificate of Insurance is provided. The Diocese issued an approved "Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement" just this week. The Marriage Policy, which Fr. Tom distributed to members at the March meeting and requested comments, needs clarification on the stipend of \$300 paid to the parish. This stipend recovers some outgoing expenses incurred by the parish, but can be waived by the pastor. There also is a Funeral Policy being prepared.
- b. Youth Ministry Meeting:** Fr. Tom has scheduled a meeting for all parishioners interested in supporting youth ministry to come together to discuss the future direction of Youth Ministry on Wednesday, Sep. 10, 7-9pm at the parish hall.
- c. The Directories** have come in and are available in the parish hall.
- d. Additional note:** Lori Egelhoff has been brought in as a part-time 'PSR assistant' to Rebecca Marchiori.

**V. New Business:**

Note: the committee discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Fr. Tom had to depart for Springfield on an emergency call.

- a. Worship & Spirituality:**
- b. Catholic Education and Christian Formation:**
- c. Family Life and Ministries:**
- d. Outreach and Social Justice**
- e. Fellowship**
- f. Facilities, Property and Stewardship**
- g.** Beth Young suggested a Halloween Food Drive. Since other groups were staging food drives this time of year, the next parish food drive will be held in January 2009.

**VI. Pastor's Comments**

- a. Fr. Tom will be gone to the Priest's Convocation Monday-Friday next week, Sept. 15-19.
- b. Fr. Tom plans to schedule his required annual spiritual retreat in October.
- c. Air National Guard training is scheduled for Jan. 15-Feb. 13, 2009. Father will get various clergy to substitute for him during the time he is away.
- d. Repairs to flooring in the kitchen and hospitality room have been made. There is a major roof leak in the narthex that needs attention.
- e. Father Tom scheduled a meeting with all musicians on Friday, Sept. 12.

**MISC:** (After Fr. Tom left for Springfield)

The Fellowship Brunch after the 10 Mass has been very successful; 24 families take turns organizing the kitchen for the meal. There may be some parishioners who wish to do the same after the 5pm Mass. Volunteers are needed.

Fall Festival meeting is scheduled Sept. 14 after Mass. Michelle Dyer is chairperson this year. A quilt is needed to raffle. Peanut Brittle and Toffee will be sold-donations of candy, margarine and white corn syrup are needed. The basket raffle netted \$1,000 last year for the youth trip. The baskets should be displayed and the Silent Auction opened 2 weeks before the date. Council agreed that the proceeds for the dinner will be distributed 75% to the Youth trip and 25% Food Pantry.

The nursing staff reminded everyone to let them know of any homebound parishioners or if anyone needs assistance. The AED training will be offered again soon. The Soup Supper is scheduled for October 18 after Mass.

RCIA program has one participant, Scott Maguire, who will be receiving the sacraments of initiation on October 19.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

*Minutes submitted by: Diane Ahrens, Recording Secretary*