

**SS MARY & JOSEPH PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008

I. Prayer

Father Tom Donovan led members of the Pastoral Council with prayer at 7:00 p.m. on October 7 at the Parish Center. Present at the meeting: Annette Bellm, Lori Egelhoff, Dan Kallal, Valerie Knight, Carol Link, Rebecca Marchiori, Laurie Nolan, Connie Reid, Veryl Reiher, Sue Vieceli, Diane Ahrens, recording secretary. Fr. Tom introduced Tom & Lisa Lucia – Tom is in the diaconate program and was invited to observe as part of his training.

II. Approval of Minutes

Council members approved the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting.

III. Function and Organizational Nature of the Pastoral Council:

Fr. Tom invited everyone to open the Pastoral Council binders. Included in the binder: alphabetical list of members; terms listing of members; Guidelines as published by the Diocese; the minutes of past meeting; Alcoholic Beverages on SSMJC Campus Policy; Facilities Use Policy; Marriage Policy; diocesan Athletic Participation Policy; Confirmation Program Expectations and Requirements, Holy Communion Preparation Schedule; Youth Ministry Framework; Catholics at the Capitol invitation; 2007-08 Fiscal Year parish summary.

Notes: The Alcoholic Beverage policy was tabled for further discussion. Fr. Tom asked that everyone read the Marriage Policy, note the cohabitation section and give him their opinions. The fee of \$300 is reasonable in that it covers expenses incurred by the parish-paperwork, meetings, phone calls, utilities, maintenance help, etc. Fr. Tom takes no part of the fee for himself.

IV. Old Business:

- a. Facilities Policy Notes:** The \$50 charge will be a donation toward the building fund. It was suggested to charge basketball practice teams \$20 per day for use of the gym. This follows a policy in force in prior years. Fr. suggested that members read the diocesan policy on athletic events and bring comments on gym use to the next meeting.
- b. Youth Ministry Meeting:** Fr. Tom summarized the meeting for Youth Ministry on Wednesday, Sep. 10. Attendees asked if it was a part- or full-time position. Fr. responded that he expected a committee, including himself, to format the expectations for youth ministry and to plan out a year of events, meetings, activities, etc. to fulfill the goals of Catholic Youth Ministry before anyone is interviewed.. Fr. discussed his vision of a 'hub' parish and steps he is taking to 'prepare' rather than 'react' to any problems that might arise. Discussion followed.
- c. Fall Festival:** No one on the committee was present; everything should be in place by November 9.

V. New Business:

- . Worship & Spirituality:**
- b. Catholic Education and Christian Formation:**
- c. Family Life and Ministries:**

d. Outreach and Social Justice

1. The future St. Vincent de Paul Society is the beneficiary of the proceeds of the Soup Supper next week. Sue is trying to contact someone for training.

e. Fellowship

f. Facilities, Property and Stewardship

1. Finance committee will meet at the end of October. The binder includes the financial report for fiscal year 2007-08. The report will be mailed to all parishioners as soon as the contract for non-profit mailing is approved. The finance committee assists the pastor with the temporal goods of the church; the members are the 'realists'. The Pastoral Council is the 'idealist' entity of the parish. What can we do if we had unlimited resources? The pastoral council members are coordinators of their ministry – the liaison to the council meeting.

VI. Pastor's Comments

a. Fr. Tom discussed parts of the finance report.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 due to the elections held on Nov. 4.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Ahrens, Recording Secretary