

**SS MARY & JOSEPH PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2008

I. Prayer

Father Tom Donovan led members of the Pastoral Council with prayer at 7:00 p.m. on November 11 at the Parish Center. Present at the meeting: Annette Bellm, Dorothy Bomkamp, Dan Kallal, Valerie Knight, Carol Link, Rebecca Marchiori, Laurie Nolan, Connie Reid, Veryl Reiher, Sue Vieceli, Rick Verticchio, Beth Young, Scooby Barbre, and Diane Ahrens as recording secretary.

II. Approval of Minutes

Council members approved the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting.

III. Function and Organizational Nature of the Pastoral Council:

Discussion on By-Laws of the parish council was tabled.

IV. Old Business:

a. Facilities Policy Notes: Laurie Nolan gave a report on rental charges from a few of the area parishes, which seemed in line with the charges suggested last month. Council agreed on the \$50 nominal fee for the rental of the hall; \$20 fee for basketball teams renting the gym for practice (with approved Certificate of Insurance) and \$50 fee for parishioners who rent the gym (with approved Certificate of Insurance if children are involved.) Council suggested a \$25 key deposit also to be written into the Facilities Policy. Council will await final format of the policy.

b. Marriage Policy Comments: Suggestions and comments as follows:

- suggested changing “meeting with the parish staff” to “meeting with Fr. Tom or an approved representative.”
- Fr. Tom will insist on sacred music, although Canon in D is approved- it was suggested that a music list be available for young people to choose.
- Laurie Nolan contacted a few area parishes to compare fees: charges of \$100 to \$200 for members and \$500 for non-members. Discussion followed concerning the \$300 fee in the SSMJ policy. With the \$100 fee for an on site maintenance person and an explanation of the other expenses encountered during wedding preparation, council members approved the \$300 fee. There can be a waiver for those who cannot pay.
- add the word “previous” to the first sentence-“this previous union”.
- The Cohabitation section was discussed, with some members disagreeing with the language being absolute. Father will rewrite the section and submit for further review.

c. Fall Festival: Preliminary profit of \$4700.00. A question was brought up of proper food handling. Dan Kallal has a Food Handling License for the state of Illinois. Food handling requirements for a church will be researched. More charcoal will be needed next year. Reports vary from “it was a very good dinner” to “not very

good". More organization is needed next year with committees formed with one chairperson by July 1, 2009. A date has been set for Fall Festival on October 25, 2009.

V. New Business:

Tabled due to time constraints.

VI. Pastor's Comments

- a. National Guard – during his off-site training Jan. 12 to Feb. 13 next year, Fr. Tom will have priest substitutes coming in each week from Wed. through Sunday, with Fr. George Morelock covering Masses Monday and Tuesday and funerals.
- b. Fr. Kevin Muniz, ordained at our Diocese in May 2008, has quit the priesthood and applied to Rome for laicization.
- c. There is a possibility that the Diocese is considering realigning the deaneries from seven down to four.
- d. Fr. Tom will attend the annulment Procurator/Advocate training in Springfield on Wed. Nov. 12 & 19th.
- e. The snow policy from last year will be followed this year: weekday Mass cancellation will be the same as the school closures for safety concerns. Weekend Masses will not be canceled.
- f. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Theology of the Body on Sunday, Dec. 7.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at the rectory, 6:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Diane Ahrens, Recording Secretary