

# **ST. JAMES PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **JANUARY 12, 2009**

**Opening Prayer:** Ann Tucker

**Members Present:** Father Timothy Armbruster, Julia Alsobrook, Phil Baumert, Mary George, Dave McDonald, Joe Ross, Ann Tucker, Jim Thornton, Steve Wilson

**Members Absent:** Father Tom Albers, Diane Dolak, Lisa Richardson, Cathy Teague

**Guests Present:** Chuck Koesterer, Jim Newell

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Dave McDonald, Pastoral Council Chairman, called for a motion to approve the December 15, 2008 minutes. Mary George moved that the minutes be approved without change. Ann Tucker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

**Update on HOPE Card Program:** Tom Pfeiffer reported that sales have decreased as expected after the Christmas holiday rush. Gross sales over the past two weeks were \$27,245 with profit of \$1,277. An order form will be placed in next Sunday's bulletin along with continuing publicity of the program.

**Update on St. James Website.** There was nothing new to report. Council members were encouraged to continue to remind the groups and activities they oversee to keep information on their web pages current by sending changes to Howard Henry.

### **New Business:**

**Discussion of scheduled meeting with "The Church Development Foundation" (TCDF), (Friday 1/23/2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 in the teachers' lounge).**

Jim Newell, Parish Operations Manager, presented information regarding this meeting. This will be a fact-finding meeting to exchange ideas on how to conduct fund-raising campaigns to meet present and future objectives, none of which have been identified at the present time. The Church Development Foundation is a professional business that has worked with many agencies to help them plan and conduct campaigns to raise money. Invitations to attend the

meeting have been sent to everyone on the Pastoral Council, the Stewardship Council, and the Finance and Administration Council. About 30 people are expected to attend.

### **Ministry Reports:**

**Youth:** No report.

**Activities:** Mary George reminded everyone that January 18<sup>th</sup> is donut Sunday sponsored by the Pastoral Council. Council members should plan to spend time in the parish social hall after the 7:30 and 9:15 Masses to visit with parishioners. This will be a good opportunity to tell them about the HOPE Gift Card Program. Mary also reported that the funeral dinner committee is in the process of reorganizing into three teams. Carlin Yonke is looking for more volunteers.

**Groups:** Ann Tucker reported that the Altar Society will hold its annual bingo fundraiser Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All ages are welcome. Food will be served.

**Liturgy:** Phil Baumert said that the last meeting of the Liturgy Committee was just before Christmas and focused on the liturgies for Christmas. The next meeting will begin focusing on Lent. He said he has not heard if there is any improvement in the usher situation. Discussion that followed indicated that more ushers are still needed.

**Education:** Julia Alsobrook reminded everyone that Abbot Gregory Polan will be here on Wednesday evening, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to talk about the Liturgy of the Hours. This is part of the parish's "Feed Your Faith" series. All are invited. One hundred and thirty-six students are in the process of preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Open houses for classes begin next week. These open houses are class days planned so that parents can come and see what their children have been learning. Cecilia Richardson and Bobbi Roman will be attending the Los Angeles Religions Education Congress at the end of February. The parish Mardi Gras party will be on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Catholic school week begins Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> with tours of the school taking place before the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

**Fund Raising:** Joe Ross had nothing new to report.

**Pastor's Comments:** Father Timothy commented on the Christmas Masses. All Masses were full to overflowing. Many attendees had to stand both in the

church and the gym. This is a demonstration of our need for a larger church as the parish continues to grow.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** None

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Julia Alsobrook will lead the opening and closing prayers.

**Closing Prayer:** Ann Tucker led the closing prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Thomas J. Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary