

# ST. JAMES PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## AUGUST 10, 2009

<b>Present:</b>	Cathy Teague Mary George Fr. Tom	Phil Baumert Julia Alsobrook Fr. Timothy	Steve Wilson Jim Newell
<b>Absent:</b>	Dave McDonald Joe Ross	Diane Dolak Jim Thornton	Ann Tucker Lisa Richardson

Opening prayer: Steve Wilson

There was one addition to the agenda by Phil to discuss a program called “Center for Fathering.”

Approval of July 20 minutes: Julia noted a possible typing error, and Phil agreed under Discussion of Forward-In-Faith the third line should have read “1 year commitment is higher than a normal non campaign year.” The correction was the word non which was previously written as none. A motion was made by Steve to approve minutes with the correction, seconded by Phil, and unanimously approved.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) *Update on the Forward-In-Faith Campaign by Jim Newell***  
Campaign is doing okay. Pledge cards continue to come in. Total pledges to-date are \$1,120,000. There will be one more Steering Committee meeting August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) *Discussion of council member terms and selection process of new members***  
Cathy said Dave asked everyone to review the by-laws before the next meeting when this will be discussed.

### **New Business:**

- 1) *Recognition of ministry members and other volunteers***  
This item will be moved to next month when Ann Tucker is here to discuss her concerns.
- 2) *Center for Fathering***  
Phil reported his experiences in a Watch Dog Program at his son’s school, and interesting seminars he has heard by the Center for Fathering out of Shawnee Mission. He feels that Center for Fathering is a good program that St. James might consider promoting. The ultimate goal is to have dad’s participate more fully in their kid’s lives. Many students don’t have a dad, and these dad’s spend time during school days assisting any way they can. Father Tom thought this might be worth looking into. The website for more information is: Fathers.com

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***Recording Secretary***

Dorothy Haynes will assume recording secretary duties immediately as Tom Pfeiffer will be moving away.

**Ministry Reports:**

- Youth: No report
- Activities: Mary George reported the Feast Day Celebration was a success with several new parishioners attending.
- Groups: No report
- Liturgy: Phil Baumert reported the next Liturgy meeting will be next month. Choir practice starts next week. The children choir is also starting the year with many new faces as the younger students join.
- Education: Julia Alsobrook reported the school had a clean-up day preparing for the start of school August 18<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Timothy said the teacher's retreat is Wednesday, and Mass with Bishop Finn will be Monday.

Fund Raising: No report

**Pastor's Comments:**

- Father Tom reminded members that Saturday is a holy day, and Mass will be at 8 a.m. He asked for everyone to get the word out.
- Father Tom would like to bring awareness of the many volunteers in our parish. A steward of the month is recognized in the bulletin. Father would like to have a picture of the steward of the month displayed in the narthex. He would also like a picture and biography of each pastoral council member displayed in the narthex so parishioners will know their pastoral council.

Closing Prayer: Steve Wilson

The next meeting will be Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Opening and closing prayer will be by Dave McDonald.

**September Agenda Items:**

- Discuss recognition of ministry members and other volunteers by Ann Tucker.
- Discussion of council member terms and selection process of new members.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Haynes, Recording Secretary