

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Opening Prayer: Phil Baumert

Members Present: Phil Baumert, Mary George, Dave McDonald, Cathy Teague, and Ann Tucker

Members Absent: Julia Alsobrook, Diane Dolak, Jim Thornton, Taylor Watson, and Steve Wilson

Pastors & Guests Present: Father Tom Albers, Father Timothy Armbruster, Jim Newell, and Chuck Koesterer

Approval of Minutes: Phil Baumert made a motion to accept the January minutes as written, Ann Tucker seconded, and all unanimously approved.

Old Business:

1) *Discuss proposal on changes in by-laws for election of officers and selection of new members*

Members present had reviewed proposed changes in by-laws for election of officers and selection of new members which had been emailed to each by Dave. Changes will correct the inconsistency of election of officers at the time new members are selected. Officers will be elected every two years after new members come onto the council through the discernment process. Cathy made a motion to accept the changes with Phil seconding. All in attendance approved. Dave will make sure the members that are absent from this meeting will be notified of changes, and if they cannot be present to vote at the next meeting that they send their vote. Changes to the by-laws may be proposed at any meeting, discussed, and approved by 2/3 majority of the council, and shall pass the proposed amendments to a second reading. At the second reading, seven affirmative votes of the council, including written absentee votes, shall be necessary to adopt the proposed amendment.

New Business:

1) *Form a Nominating Committee for discerning new council members*

Phil stated he feels we can handle the discernment process. He has gathered online information with resources to help. Volunteering for the Nominating Committee were Phil, Mary, and Dave. We have six members whose terms are expiring. One or possibly two members have expressed that they would extend their term two more years since we do have two-thirds of the council with terms expiring. It was decided by the council that we need five new members making the required 10 member council.

2) *Discuss and set a tentative schedule for the discernment process*

After further discussion on the time frame for completion of the discernment process all members agreed that it should be complete by the May meeting. Phil will put announcement in the bulletin starting the weekend of February 20-21, and will work on a schedule for advertising of members needed and meetings with potential candidates.

Ministry Reports:

- **Youth:** No Report
- **Activities:** Mary reported that the Peru Mission trip will probably be at the end of July. Susan Stolwyk said they hope that more would be able to make the trip this year by having it later.
- **Groups:** Ann reported that the Altar Society Bingo had a decent turnout, however, profit was considerably less than last year. Dr. Morris will be unable to come to give his presentation on stem cells for the Altar Society and Respect for Life Ministries on March 2nd due to illness. They are going to show a documentary instead, and parishioners that have participated in some of the marches will speak.
- **Liturgy:** The Concert of Choirs will be at St. James on February 21st with nine adult choirs and our children's choir participating. They are expecting a large attendance.
- **Education:** Dave had a request from Julia asking for volunteers to help with the Mardi Gras celebration February 16th.

Fund Raising: No report

Pastor's Comments by Father Tom:

- We are working on the budget process for the school and parish. We need to economize to "bare bones" to meet this year's budget. Will have it ready to present to the council soon.
- Thinks it would be helpful to have training for the new council members coming on this year so members will have a better understanding of their role on the council to assist the pastor with pastoral planning.

Closing Prayer: Phil Baumert

The next meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2010, at 7 p.m.
Opening and closing prayer will be by Mary George.

March Agenda Items:

- Second reading and vote on changes to by-laws
- Schedule for the discernment process
- Spring clean-up day

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Haynes, Recording Secretary