

Minutes from Parish Council meeting 8-3-2009

Attendance- Fr. Ireland, Fr Holland, Deacon Chordas, Bob Mapel, Mark Geyman, Jack Clifford, Dave Douglas, Dennis Fiorelli, Bob Janson and Pat Rahill.

7:00 pm start with a prayer

Fr. Ireland reported that Sr. Ann Patrick had passed away earlier in the day. He asked for thoughts and prayers.

The minutes were read from the last meeting, and after one change a motioned was made to accept the minutes by Bob Mapel, The motion was seconded by Dennis Fiorelli, with all in favor.

Fr Ireland said that each parish must come up with three new name suggestions for the new parish. Each suggestion must be backed up with sound rationale. Both parish's will vote on the suggestions and submit 3 names to the diocese for consideration.

The consolidation team must be formed very soon. This team will be made up of Pastors, Two members of the cluster committee from each parish, a parish council and finance council member. This team will lead the merger per diocesan rules. There are very good guidelines available for this team to follow. Multiple sub- committees will be formed to support this team.

Festival news- complete report not yet available. The gross was down, but so were expenses. We hope to be equal to last year's number when all is said and done.

The school will lose some significant dollars in State funding this year. The exact ramifications of this loss are not yet known, but this will have a serious on the school.

The council reviewed a film on The Pastoral Care of Older Adults. This is a serious concern for the church. We must be prepared to care for our ever growing older population.

Bob Mapel reported that the parish picnic was attended by over 300 people. Good food and friendship was enjoyed by all.

The July 4th Mass was celebrated at St Margaret Mary's parish. The attendance was good and the Mass was followed by coffee and donuts.

The spiritual life committee met on 7-28-2009. Brother Dan shared his experiences in preparing for the priesthood. Fr. Ireland met with the Eucharistic ministers to discuss the new and extensive requirements needed to be a Eucharistic Minister. All of our Eucharistic ministers must re-train if they wish to continue as a Eucharistic Minister.

The greeters program has 6-8 couples interested in participating and they hope to have it off the ground soon.

The Adoration Program continues to struggle. They are having a hard time contacting people.

We need additional ushers, especially at the 5 pm mass on Sunday's

The spiritual programs are going well. The opus program is on the cusp of starting, Familia is off for the summer, Catholic Men's Fellowship is strong and well attended. Deacon Chordas reported that the Baby Bottle program brought in over \$3,000.00 to benefit WomanKind.

The Social Justice commission would like to expand the March For Life and get more participation. The Saint Vincent DePaul society is waiting for the merged parish to come together in order to re-group.

St. Joseph works is another program we hope to get up and running.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 8:35pm