



Saint Joseph Church

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Rick Swenton, Pastoral Council President

Minutes of the Pastoral Council meeting of November 24, 2003

Council Members in attendance:

Kim Donahue
Greg Fortier
Fr. Jim Leary
Deacon Bob Pallotti
Tom Peterson
Barbara Peterson
Pat Smatt
Rick Swenton
Kathy Young

Youth Ministry

Greg Fortier was this month's pastoral council representative from the Youth Group. We spoke with Greg at length as he offered his view of the value and success of our Parish Youth Ministry and answered questions from the council members. Greg is certainly a wonderful asset to the group and we appreciated his presentation. The Youth Group listed the following schedule:

Dec. 5 - Gift Wrapping Party preparing Christmas Gifts for the needy.
Dec. 7 - Visiting orphanage to deliver Christmas gifts.
Dec. 20 - Dramatic Presentation of the Birth of Jesus for the Religious Education Classes.
Jan. 4 - Living Nativity Displays
Feb. 8 - Volleyball Tournament competing with other Youth Groups in the area.

For the past two years, the Youth Group has been preparing a member-written Prayer Book as a way to develop a way to deepen prayer using relevant texts that came forth from the youth community.

Kim Donahue continues to offer outstanding support to the parish youth as she coordinates the activities of the Youth Group.

Global Missions Support

Mary Hampton attended this council meeting to offer a presentation and solicit parish support for mission aid in Nairobi, Kenya. While the council endorses this support, Father Leary indicated that the parish income is below expectations and future support of charitable organizations will have to be on hold for the present time.

United Action

Deacon Bob Pallotti has been working with the local parishes to help organize United Action, a faith-based alliance to deal with local issues in the Church. The goal is to exert influence at the government level to impact local changes that are compatible with the gospel.

Liturgy

In the interest of having liturgical ministry be "family-friendly" we decided to notify our readers that it is permitted for a reader to sit with his or her family in the front pew and approach the ambo from there during Mass. Also, participation in the entrance/exit processions with the Book is not required and is optional.

-Rick Swenton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent loop on the 'R' and a trailing flourish on the 'k'.

-Rick Swenton