



Saint Joseph Church

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Rick Swenton, Pastoral Council President

January 6, 2006

Dear Pastoral Council Members,

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Monday, January 16, 2006 starting at 7:15 PM with prayer in the chapel. Please let yourself in through the front door or through the double doors facing the school.

Meeting Agenda:

- Prayer (Thank you Kim for offering to lead prayer at this meeting)
- Further comments on the Mission Statement update
- Final review of By-laws as proposed at November meeting

Minutes of the Pastoral Council meeting of November 14, 2005

Members in attendance:

Tom Angels	Mary Jane Henriques	Tom Peterson
Steve Boisvert	Lisa Kean	Pat Smatt
Mary Lynne Boisvert	Ken Kostuk	Rick Swenton
Charles Daehnke	Mark Monnerat	Rich Theriault
Jean Degan	Melissa Monnerat	Tom Ward
Janeffer DelValle	Deacon Bob Palotti	Kathy Young
Kim Donahue	Barbara Peterson	
Fr. Joe DiSciaccia		

Visitors, Mark Fishbein

The Parish Council meeting began promptly at 7:15 with a prayer service in the chapel led by Melissa Monnerat.

Council Facilitator, Rick Swenton called the meeting to order and began the discussion of the article *Christ Among Us*, which had been distributed to council members prior to the meeting. Our discussion raised concerns and suggestions of how we might better educate our parish community on the 4 ways Christ is present to us in the Mass. Fr. Joe will consider the suggestions for future programs and educational opportunities.

Mission Statement

Discussion of our present mission statement was tabled until the next meeting.

Parish Council By-Laws

Proposed By-laws compiled by the sub-committee consisting of Fr. Joe, Lisa Kean, Kim Donahue and Charles Daehnke were distributed to the council. The by-laws were read aloud and comments/corrections were invited and offered. The revisions will be implemented and a final version will be presented for acceptance and the January meeting.

Selection of Officers and Term Commitments

Following the discussion of the By-laws, Fr. Joe asked that present council members voice their commitment of service on the council for 1 or 2 years. The majority of members have committed to 2 years of service. Recommendations for the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary were then requested. The following appointments were made for a term of two years: Chairperson – Rick Swenton; Vice Chairperson – Lisa Kean; and Secretary – Patricia Smatt. A short discussion followed regarding attendance at Council meetings. It was noted that there are a few people who have not been attending meetings. It was decided that they would be contacted to see if they can still keep their commitment to attend.

Old Business:**Eucharistic Adoration**

Fr. Joe met with Terry and Dot Boyle regarding their request for establishment of a weekly Eucharistic Adoration. After due consideration it has been decided that we will not change our present schedule. Existing opportunities for devotion are a Holy Hour held on the last Friday of each month; commitment to the Nocturnal Adoration Society to host a night vigil on the first Friday of December; and the availability of the parish center chapel for private devotion and meditation.

November 13 Parish Meeting

General consensus was that comments regarding the Parish Meeting held November 13 were positive. The meeting had been held to inform parishioners on progress to update handicap access to the Church including a ramp; elevator access; restroom facilities; a new handicap parking lot on the site of the old rectory; restoration of the parking lot across the street from the front of the school; organ pipe installation; and plans to raise revenue for these changes. A mailing will be sent to parishioners unable to attend the meeting.

New Business

Brother Bob Moriarty is scheduled to speak at our February meeting regarding Small Christian Communities.

Prayer for next meeting

Kim Donahue volunteered to lead prayer for our January meeting.

Following a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Smatt