

Pax Christi Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes
Feb 17, 2009

Present: Fr. Edelen, Owen Haase, Toni Ellis, Bob Calhoun, Mark Kelder, Dc.Ralph Jahnige, Kathie McBroom, Melissa Holland, Al Dodak, Rhonda Head

Excused: Becky Bryant

Meeting was opened with prayers led by Mark Kelder.

The Pastoral Council has begun a new process for receiving committee reports. Written reports are e-mailed to the Pastoral Council chairperson who then passes them on to the Council along with the agenda for the upcoming meeting. This new model for reviewing committee reports allows the council to focus on Council specific business. At the meeting the committee liaisons provide highlights and answer questions as needed. The events and actions of various committees are reflected in the bulletins, newsletters, website and mailings.

FOLLOW-UP FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL RETREAT:

The Council discussed ways to encourage parishioners to be more involved in the celebration of Mass. Proposals were made to explain the different components of the Mass.

- Father Edelen and Deacon Ralph will discuss incorporation of 30 second carefully written explanations of mass parts throughout the Mass periodically.
- Father Edelen and Deacon Ralph might incorporate an explanation of the liturgical components within homilies when the nature of the readings and season of the Church year permit.
- Refer to the Adult Faith Formation Committee for discussion.

The Pastoral Council discussed ways to enhance the welcoming of all people. A concern has been raised that people are standing during Mass possibly because they cannot find seating. The Council discussed how we want everyone to feel welcome and that there was a need for someone to assist with seating after Mass begins. Consensus: Council members decided that they will serve as usher for the masses they attend and wear their name tags so they can be more easily identified. The Council sees this as an opportunity to meet more members of the Parish.

The Pastoral Council discussed ways to enhance our awareness of the Eucharist and of ourselves as a Eucharistic Community. One suggestion is that the tabernacle be moved to a place that it can be visible from the main church. Consensus: This discussion is be referred to the Liturgy Committee and Property Committee - Al and Owen to communicate the request to the committees

The Pastoral Council discussed the possibility of additional liturgical opportunities for the Parish. Consensus: The Formation, Liturgy and Pastoral Council will continue to develop ideas – Rhonda and Al to communicate the request for ideas to the Formation and Liturgy committees.

A Nomination Committee is being formed to identify candidates for Pastoral Council. The Council representation for the Nomination Committee will be Al Dodak and Becky Bryant. Additional committee members are being contacted.

Topics for Next Meeting

Old Business:

Continue discussion of items highlighted at the Pastoral Council retreat day held in December

New Business

Parish Development Committee -- role and connection to Pastoral Council and/or Finance Council

Meeting was closed with a Prayer