

Blessed Sacrament Parish aspires to be a model Christian community, disciples of Christ, in communion with the universal church, in service to each other and our greater communities. We speak with diverse and inclusive voices, united by our Catholic Faith and Eucharistic celebration.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
February 14, 2009**

PRESENT: Fr. Tom Mattingly, Randy Hook, Yolanda Blake, George Collins, Kim Maggiolo, Cathy McClatchy, Liz McDavid, Mindy Morrison, Rex Moyers, Pam Murphy, Marcia Pearce, Chip Studwell, Maria Pena Taylor, Ed Morrison

ABSENT: Chris Pipkins, Kilders Giron, Keith Holzer

Randy Hook called the meeting to order at 9:15AM, with prayer.

Building Fund Campaign

Building Committee Co-Chair, Ed Morrison spoke about our upcoming building campaign, which will have its official “Kick-Off” on March 22nd, with the turning in of pledges by all parishioners. These will be 5-Year Pledges. Full participation and support is expected from Parish Council Members by turning in their pledges before the official date, and Ed distributed Pledge Payment Forms to each member. He also noted that all parishioners will be encouraged to use automatic electronic withdrawal from their bank accounts for the donations to the church Building Fund. Fr. Tom stated that the pledge payment forms would be distributed to all parishioners well prior to March 22nd. He said that the Hispanic parishioners had already begun contributions to their building fund campaign. It was further noted that before any construction could begin, six million dollars in pledges must be obtained, and two million dollars of those banked.

Voice of Pastor

Fr. Tom expressed hope that all would participate in our parish Lenten activities. There will be a Lenten Family Gathering following the 5PM Mass on Feb. 28th. On the Fridays in Lent, Community Soup Suppers are planned, with parishioners bringing in crock pots of soup to share. Stations of the Cross will follow in the church at 7PM, one will be presented by elementary students on March 13, and one by the teenagers on April 3rd. Our Lenten schedule and guidelines are in the bulletin.

Budget

Rex Moyers presented the parish Budget Projections for 2009-10. This was reviewed by council members. Randy Hook moved to accept the budget as written, and it was unanimously approved and to be forwarded to the Finance Council as soon as possible.

Wine Tasting Event

This event was very successful and enjoyable. Kim Maggiolo (and her husband) were thanked for all their work in buying, cooking, preparing and presenting the delicious foods.

We Walk By Faith

At his parish visit in November, the bishop wants us to present a self-assessment of our parish ministry. This will be based on the diocesan booklet "We Walk By Faith". Ways of determining this in other parishes have been explored, and it was decided that Pastoral Council members would break into groups and answer the questions asked of us, and edit and decide on which were the best to reflect upon, in order to find where our strengths are. This would be done after a break in today's meeting.

Voice of Council

Randy Hook referred to a letter from a parishioner and her request for prayers from Council members.

It was reported that Peace & Justice Committee desired a liaison with Parish Council. Members agreed to suggest that one of their members discern and join the Parish Pastoral Council. Discernment of new members would be taking place in May.

Meeting Date Changes

Fr. Tom noted that due to Holy Days and Liturgical events, it was necessary to change our meeting dates for April and May. The new dates are:

Sat., April 4th - 9AM Mass, followed by the Council Meeting

Fri., May 8th - 6PM Pot Luck Supper and meeting, with new members, in the church basement

The Council members broke into two groups and reviewed and answered the questions in the "We Walk by Faith" booklet on two topics: Community and Service. After reconvening, it was decided that one from each group, would type up the members' answers and editing and distribute by e-mail to all the Council members. Two categories, Word and Worship, are yet to be reviewed.

The Meeting was closed with a prayer led by Rex Moyers at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Liz McDavid
P.C. Secretary

Reminder: Next Meeting is March 13th