

## Pastoral Council Meeting July 17, 2005

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Rod Echevarria, Chairperson  
Anna Garner, Cultural/Special Events Advocate  
Thomas Pileggi, Education Advocate  
Cathy Wilkey, Charity Advocate  
Dolores Osborne-Hensley, Fellowship Advocate  
Rose Woodward, Vocations and Life Issues Advocate  
Shauna Knode, Spiritual Formation Advocate  
Mary Ellen Mayer, Secretary

**Members Absent:** Fr. Steve O'Connor, President & Liturgy Advocate

**Others Present:** Alice McDonald, Eugene Calabro

Although not present, Fr. Steve authorized this meeting to be held.

Anna Garner offered the opening prayer.

Reading of Minutes: Minutes are distributed in advance of the meetings. They were approved as prepared.

### **Old Business:**

A meeting with Olan Mills will be held on July 21, 2005. The purpose is to brief the leaders in their responsibilities for scheduling. Cathy Wilkey is able to attend this meeting. Families that are unable to make an appointment with Olan Mills may provide a photo for the directory.

The changes in the coffee social seem to be well received.

A contact number for booking the Armory for the Christmas party is still not available. Ms. Garner indicated that her office had made a successful booking with the Armory and would try to get the contact number to Ms. Osborne. In the meantime, our reservation with the Officers' Club in Eglin is still confirmed.

Renovations to the hall have begun. The work appears to be moving along smoothly.

The Shreves family, along with the Youth group, has been painting the classrooms.

Eugene Calabro voiced concern of the Wednesday Mass time being changed to 7:00 PM. He asked if the move was permanent. The council agreed that while it was set up as a permanent time change, low attendance could mean a return to 6:00 PM.

## **New Business:**

Eugene Calabro advised the council that a long-standing parishioner informed him of the following: prior to the development of OLV property a Master Plan was designed. This plan should show the potential of the property for building expansion. The council was unaware that such a plan existed. Rod Echevarria will ask Elaine Stockton for its availability.

Gene also feels that many parishioners feel disenfranchised because many feel they are in the dark regarding the building plan for OLV.

Some of the church pews are in need of maintenance. Some have been found with screws loosening. The office will be asked for the pews to be inspected and repaired as necessary.

The Church air conditioning has been inoperable for two weeks. Fans should be placed in the church during Mass, until this circumstance changes.

Fr. Steve will have his second surgery the first week in August. Fr. Small, from Belize, will fill in and assist with Masses.

Shauna Knode announced that the Young Adults Club had its first meeting. She, along with Erin Rogge, has set up socializing, spiritual growth and stewardship as the goals for this group. They plan an August cookout that will be announced in the bulletin.

Communication needs to improve between advocates and ministry leaders. Rod Echevarria will contact the ministry heads to be certain they understand the role of their advocate.

John Stockman has agreed to be the Public Affairs Representative for OLV.

It was suggested by Shauna Knode that expenses for maintaining the parish be added to the bulletin on an annual or semi-annual basis.

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2005 at 7:00pm in the conference room.

Tom Pileggi offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.