

Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes – February 20, 2005

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

**Members Present:** Fr. Steve O'Connor, President & Liturgy Advocate  
Rod Echevarria, Chairperson  
Rose Woodward, Vocations and Life Issues Advocate  
Anna Garner, Cultural/Special Events Advocate  
Cathy Wilkey, Charity Advocate  
Thomas Pileggi, Education Advocate  
Mary Ellen Mayer, Secretary

**Members Absent:** Claudia Finn, Spiritual Formation Advocate  
**Position Vacant:** Fellowship Advocate

**Others Present:** Deacon Kenneth Mayfield  
Guy Stockton, Chairman, Building Ad Hoc Committee

Anna Garner offered the opening prayer.

Reading of Minutes: Minutes are distributed in advance of the meetings. They were approved as prepared except for the item listed below under New Business, paragraph 3.

**Old Business:**

1. Minutes of each meeting were, and will be sent to council members ahead of time to save the time it takes to read minutes at each meeting. Copies will be available to pass to observers, as needed.
2. There was no objection to staggering election of members; e.g., four members will be asked to extend their two-year term by one year. At the end of the first two years, parishioners will be asked to volunteer for four council vacancies. When elected, the specific positions held by each member will be decided upon at the first business meeting of the council, following the elections.

**New Business:**

1. When possible, Council meetings will be held in the church hall to provide adequate space for parishioners to attend as observers and/or present their concerns directly to the Council.
2. The printed number of Sunday bulletins will be increased, in response to a complaint that the 11:00 o'clock Mass attendees did not receive enough copies. In addition, the bulletin is now made available on-line in our web site which can be accessed at [www.olv.ptdiocese.org](http://www.olv.ptdiocese.org). This will also be advertised in the paper copy of the bulletin.

3. There was a unanimous consensus among the members to amend the Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 2 to read as follows: “The term of office for the Executive Committee of the Council will be for one year with provisions for re-election.” Additionally, all other amendments proposed at the last meeting, were approved.

**Ad-Hoc Building Committee Report:** Guy Stockton reported that parish membership growth was considerably greater than anticipated, when first planning for our new church. At this time, office and classroom space is very inadequate. Due to the tremendous population growth of Crestview, the projected growth of the parish calls for revisiting our building plans. It is questionable whether the existing acreage is large enough to provide the space needed for the church, parking lot and supporting structures. The Council was asked to consider the possibility of purchasing property large enough to build what would sustain the growth of the parish into the future. To present these ideas to the parishioners, two town hall meetings will be scheduled: one for February 27, 2005 at 4:30 pm and the second for March 2, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 2:00 pm in the church hall.

Tom Pileggi offered the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.