

Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes 03/11/2008

The meeting was preceded with brief remarks by Fr. Dennis regarding the Holy Week schedule, Easter Mass schedules (simultaneous masses in Church and Parish Hall at 10:30), CSA (Catholic Share Appeal) outreach, and the St Patrick/St Joseph day dinner after 10:30 Mass 30 March. Fr. Dennis then announced that he would not be able to attend the meeting due to a superseding commitment.

The meeting began with evening prayer led by Fr. Bernie and was followed by discussion of the reading (Phil 2:6-11).

Prior to the commencement of official business, Chairman Joel Dunham presented his thoughts regarding “staying on track” during the meetings.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Ministry Reports:

No ministry reports were presented. Oversight of the various ministries is still under revision. However, Bill Michie assumed oversight of the Charismatic Prayer group and Lectors from Deacon Chris Christopher. Ashley Rhodes clarified youth contacts. Outreach part B was given to Vicky Schlenker. Father Bernie voiced the opinion that the PC needs to examine the Love thy Neighbor ministry, specifically – how does this Ministry benefit the parish. Fr. B. feels that it is a worthwhile ministry but doesn't seem to be going anywhere.

Old Business:

Jeff Turner was accepted as secretary/acting. Father Bernie requested Dr. Turner contact Claudia with names of new members and officers.

Pregnancy Resource Center Dinner: Bill Michie briefed the 10 Apr dinner at First Baptist Church Milton at 6:00 PM. He posed a question: Should PC pay for a couple of tables and the corresponding number of attendees? Discussion followed as to possible numbers from the Parish that would attend. Brenda Fisher made the suggestion that PC purchase a table for PC attendees at the Family Promise dinner (a fund raiser). No decision was made regarding either issue.

Ministry booklets: The issue was tabled.

“Single Again” leader search: The issue was tabled.

Council retreat: The retreat was generally felt to be excellent. Kudos to all involved in putting it together.

50th Anniversary Celebration for St. Rose of Lima Parish: Sara Benoit will chair celebration of 50th Anniversary Celebration for St. Rose of Lima Parish to be held 24 Aug.

Stewardship goals update: Bill Michie announced a core coordinating group for discussing stewardship goals was in place. Joel Dunham felt focus should be “community” goals aimed at enhancing the feeling of community within the church to get people to feel part of the community so they would more freely contribute time, talent, etc. more freely. Brenda Fisher talked about ladies society doing food for parish. She feels there's not enough “community” involvement, with Ladies' Society currently carrying the load. Ashley Rhodes cited the Knight's BBQ Charity Cook Off as an example of how the ministries can work together.

Goals for 2008: Getting the word out to stimulate expanded involvement of the SRL community? Question: How best to do this? Focus will be “community building”. Various members contributed ideas for improving the sense of community within the Parish.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Bernie discussed Holy Thursday foot washing, the Easter Masses, and announced that families can have Easter baskets blessed at the Easter Sunday Masses.

New Business :

Parish Life Center: Martha Skalsky reported that a meeting with architect was scheduled for Wednesday 12 March to discuss permits, timeline, checklists, etc. Ground breaking, was originally scheduled for 1 June but will now probably be in July. Contractors have been vetted and the campaign is moving along (slowly). She cautioned cost increases if the project can't be completed in one build.

Jeff Turner suggested developing "check lists" for promoting discussion between Ministry leaders and PC members. General conclusion was that "checklists" were not needed. No motion was forthcoming. Items 2 – 4 of the "Addn'l agenda were tabled due to lack of time.

The final discussion led by Fr. Bernie involved the purpose of the PC and what do we need to talk about at the meetings.

Members in attendance:

Father Bernie Jakubco, Jeff Everts, Sandy Clark, Sean Fagan, Malu Dunn, Ashley Rhodes, Brenda Fisher, Deacon Chris Christopher, Father Dennis O'Brien (pre-meeting), Bill Michie, Marv Brossett, Barb Tucci and Joel Dunham (Chairman), Ron Win, Vicky Schlenker (Co-Chairman), Jeff Turner (Secretary (acting))

Guests in attendance:

Martha Skalsky, Gene Skalsky

Closing prayer:

Kevin McQuone