

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2009

Present at the Meeting

Members: Father Dennis O'Brian, Brenda Fisher, Malu Dunn, Kate Lewis, Chris Christopher, Barbara Tucci, Vicky Schlenker, Joel Dunham, Bill Michie.

Guests: Marianni Richardson, Joan Haring, Sarah Benoit, and Alisha Brundige.

The meeting began with Father Dennis leading us in prayer and song. The Gospel of Mark 1: 40-45 was read and each member and visiting parishioners were given the opportunity to reflect, respond, and share.

Ministry Reports:

*Stewardship Committee Report – Joel Dunham: Joel gave some incite and updates on the Parish Life Center. He stated that we are beginning to see some progress. Stewardship Committee is slated to discuss with Parish members updates at further Masses.

*Father Nicholas will be taking over the Alter Server Ministry.

*Kate Lewis will be taking over Bill Michie's Parish Council ministries

*Deacon Chris to send to Claudia the changes made to the ministries list.

*No questions/commits regarding the ministry reports turned in.

Old Business:

*Welcome to our new member: Kate Lewis who is taking the place of Bill Michie. We thanked Bill for his dedication and work to the Pastoral Council for the past three years that he served.

*Election of new council board: Brenda Fisher volunteered to be the new secretary and all voted in favor. Joel Dunham was voted in to be the chair of the Pastoral Council for the second year, as well as Vicky Schlenker being voted in for the second year as co-chair.

*Faith Engaged, 450th Anniversary of Mass being celebrated in NW Florida (Evaluation): Pastoral Council members that attended on January 23rd expressed having a wonderful, enlightening experience. Father Dennis explained that the 450th Anniversary is going to be celebrated throughout this year with many other Parishes in our diocese on board.

*Parish Pastoral Council Election Committee report (Malu Dunn): Kate Lewis won by a landslide. (She was the only one who voiced interest in the position)

*Parish Appreciation Dinner on 01/31/09 (Deacon Chris) (Evaluation): Went very well and very smoothly. Martha Skalsky is to be commended for all the hard work that was put into the planning. There was a great turn out. It was noted that it is obvious that we have "out grown" our facility, and another reason for the Parish Life Center.

Pastor's Report:

*CSA/Sharing the vision (Father to send info)

*Outreach Center: discussed some possibilities, but we are still looking for a location for an Outreach Center.

*Sister Credido's visit: Scheduled for the weekend of March 14th and 15th, the same weekend as our St. Patrick's Day dinner. It is hoped that her weekend here will be as blessed as it was last year. Last year she received approximately \$6,000.00 from the St. Rose of Lima parishioners.

*Ash Wednesday on 02/25/09, fasting and abstinence from meat: Father reminded us that this is one of the two days that we are required to fast. The other day is Good Friday.

*St. Patrick's Day dinner, Sunday March 15th after 10:30 Mass: The Hall will be decorated and the dinner will be hosted by the Ladies Society. Corn beef and cabbage will be served. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. This will also include the celebration of St. Joseph, so Italian dishes will also be requested.

*Ordinations for Jeff Massey and Paul Lambert in June: Jeff Massey's ordination will be on June 20th at St. Paul's in Pensacola. Paul Lambert's ordination will be on June 13th at the Cathedral of Sacred Heart.

*Stations of the Cross: Will be done twice on Fridays during Lent, 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning February 27th.

*Friday Fish Fry: Also begins on February 27th. 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Great opportunity to take advantage of Stations of the Cross, as it is scheduled right after the Fish Fry.

*Father Dennis also discussed a retreat for the Pastoral Council on a Saturday. The consensus was April 18th. Also discussed was setting fixed dates and a fixed location for the Council meetings.

New Business:

*Ministry Fair: Barbara Tucci said that every ministry had new members sign up as the result of the Ministry Fair, at least two ministries had ten new people sign up. Over all everyone thought it went really well and we are looking into having the Fair twice a year.

*Parish Mission, Joan Haring: Joan reported that the Mission will be on March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Each night will begin at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, March 3rd we will have soup and bread at the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Jim Murphy. He will be speaking on St. Paul, model of Christians. There will be no babysitting this year.

Questions/Statement:

*Council Members:

Brenda reminded everyone about the doughnut social this weekend and encouraged all the Council members to attend. Brenda also reminded everyone about

Antioch and asked that we keep our youth in our prayers, because it can be a very life impacting weekend for them.

Malu Dunn passed a hand out for a dinner for the Pregnancy Resource Center scheduled for March 19, 2009 beginning at 5:30 p.m. She stated she would like for us as a council to get a table together and also hopes that more from our Parish will attend.

*Parishioners: Sarah Benoit is now the Fall Festival Chair. There will be a Fall Festival meeting on March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Sarah also said that many people signed up to help with the Fall Festival at the Ministry Fair.

*Volunteer for closing prayer for the March 10th meeting: Barbara Tucci

*Closing prayer: Joel Dunham