

# Holy Spirit Parish-Newman Hall

## Minutes

Pastoral Council Meeting

Agenda/ Notes

**October 13, 2008**

7:30 -9:10 PM

### *Attendance*

Fr. Bernie Campbell, Richard Elliott, Linda Fitzgerald, David Hahn, Jim Martin, Deborah Tatto, Dave Thomas, Victoria Ventura, Anthony Wright, Eddy Crochetiere

### *Start up Items*

- Opening Prayer (Victoria)
- New Student Members: Eddy Crochetiere, Anthony Wright (Welcome)

### *Old Business & Action Items*

1. Review/ discuss participation in Diocesan Workshop on Parish Councils
  - Dave Hahn and Richard Elliott attended the workshop in Orinda. The event was well run and included breakout groups and role-playing activities of ‘real life’ council meetings. Value: meeting with other parishes and participants.
2. The question of the Parish Council availability to the parish community members was discussed at length.
  - The discussion included: how to inform parishioners of its functions, meetings, and accessibility—information made available on the web site, bulletin board, personal contact, etc. Also discussed was how to maintain a structured meeting and ways of including direct community input. The next meeting in November will be an ‘open’ meeting.
3. Faith Formation for Teens was discussed (L. Fitzgerald, J. Martin). Current classes/meetings have a limited number attending.
  - Questions centered around—what do we offer the Teens & how do we assist their parents in answering key questions about their role in ‘raising their children as Catholics’. Goal: to have a clear space for the Teens meetings & develop small groups for parents that can deal with issues of faith, scripture, etc.

4. Adult Faith Formation—Some movement has been made e.g. Busy Persons Retreat... thoughts on ‘Seasonal Related’ topics and activities... e.g. Advent, Lent speakers, study group, evening gathering [More discussion in the November meeting]
5. Social Outreach: Dave Hahn will take some leadership role (along with Luis) in making contact with local parishes ( St. Joseph’s) and local functioning agencies to get more information on what is happening in Berkeley...e.g. Youth Shelter off University. Kids in need below Telegraph was noted. More in November meeting.
6. Hospitality: a small committee will be formed to examine more specifically the need for improving the entrance way, the inside setting to enhance the visual impact of the church and its offerings.
7. Pastor’s input : Fr. Bernie discussed the Paulist Visitation earlier this month and indicated that a formal written report will be provided in the near future. In general, the report will be positive for the parish

***Final items (not on Agenda)***

- New Student representatives- seemed glad to be present and were listening carefully to the Council’s discussion
- Interest in the Wednesday Scripture study group
- Newman as a ‘parish’
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***Next Meeting Dates***

***The meetings are planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month Next [November 10, December 8]***

***Minutes submitted by: Richard J Elliott***