

Holy Spirit Parish-Newman Hall

Minutes

Pastoral Council Meeting
Agenda/ Notes/
September 23, 2008
7:30 -9:10 PM

Attendance

Fr. Bernie Campbell, Jim Donato, Richard Elliott, Linda Fitzgerald, Luis Gachuz-Meza David Hahn, Dora Henel, Jim Martin, Deborah Tatto, Dave Thomas, Victoria Ventura, Anthony Wright [Corrections may be needed]

Agenda Items

- Opening Prayer (Luis)
- Review our participation in Paulist events in October
- Opening prayer for monthly meetings this coming year
- Assignment of “taking minutes”.
- Diocesan Wide Workshop for new Parish Council Members 9/23 (Orinda)
- Review previous months agenda
- Pastor’s input

New items (not on Agenda)

- New Student representative- Victoria Ventura
- Fr. Al to take pictures at end of mtg. Of new members

Discussion/ Action

1. A list was developed for leading the Opening prayer of our meetings
2. Minutes for this meeting (R. Elliott)
3. Review of Last Month’s meeting including:
 - Teen focus--a meeting was held with some parents last month...in process
 - Fundraising—Fr. Campbell distributed preliminary financial data; limited discussion at this time
 - Adult Education—a committee exists, RCIA, (ongoing), Pastoral Council connection? [Questions: change of time? can we consider the behavior patterns/ availability and convenience factors (Fr. C)]
 - Social Outreach—Contact with Social Service Agencies? Continue with Food Bank effort (January?); Loaves and Fishes continuing connection (Phil Liston?), Newman as a service site”? Voter Registration after masses?

- Hospitality—Entrance Space: Is it welcoming, does it reach students, kids, families in an effective way, how do we reach individuals who have questions (e.g. volunteers at table, etc), use of “greeters”, is the bulletin space, etc. organized effectively?
- Preachers – “who is invited, etc”. [Fr. C—Originally there were 6 individuals (5 women, 1 man) now there are 8 lay preachers. Choice is based on theological & professional background. Those who have been involved so far ... impressive. Their homilies are not ‘pre-screened’. [Other interesting comments were made on other connected issues]

Other

Pastor Input

Paulist visit and events during this coming weeks: Fr. Duffy, Friday Picnic, Saturday meeting and dinner, Sunday Mass at 10 AM, Friday of the following week (10/10) mtg. Personnel (staffing needs), UCB needs.

Next Meeting Dates

The meetings are planned for the 2nd Monday of the Month [October 13, November 10, December 8]

Minutes submitted by: Richard J Elliott