

# **St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council Minutes January 19, 2010**

Present: , Tim Berning, John Vandecoevering, Kevin Aman, Kathy Baldwin, Jim Schaecher, Arlene Harris, Winnie Bolton, Norman Zollner, Janie Fessler. Daniel Traeger Maureen Niedermeyer, Tony Morris, Brother Jacob

Absent: Brother Mark, Mike Farris, Fr. Philip Waibel

- Sr. Maureen lead the opening prayer with a prayer for the victims of the Earthquake
- A correction to the December minutes- The correct number in faith formation is 488
- Jim announced that Mike Farris is the newest Council member representing the youth of the parish.
- Comment on Dr. Rosenbalms talk- Tony said that 90 % of the people who commented to him thought it was good. There was a concern that it might have lacked compassion for those who had been involved in an abortion and are repentfull. A good discussion followed. Sometimes the truth is hurtful, but how do we present it in a Christ-like way?
- The rest of the meeting was allotted to a discussion of the needs of the Parish and identifying point persons to help in the areas of volunteers. We used the Time and Talent survey as a starting point. Now with Marti's resignation, the challenge is how we fill the big gap of what she did here at St. Mary's. The attachment is a Summary of the tasks and the point persons we identified.
  
- Walks-ins
  - Kathy B- There will be a Parish Mission May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The first night will be at St Edwards, the second night will be Sacred Heart (Gervais) and the last night will be here at St Mary's. It will be presented by Matthew Kelly. His web site is [www.matthewkelly.org](http://www.matthewkelly.org)
  - Arlene- Had a suggestion that we should make Christmas Morning Mass special in its own way, such as start it with just candles and when Christ birth has been announced turn on all the lights.
  - Winnie- Announce the blood drive will be the 28<sup>th</sup> of January on the Hill Top from 10 AM to 3 PM. Also the CDA will host a Tea on February 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be 6 Seminarians coming to share why they choose there vocation. Sr. Maureen asked if it might be appropriate to have some from their house come and do the same.
  - Tony – said that the Parish will be hiring a full time janitor/maintenance person in the near future. Also he said that Jerry Lauzon is recovering from a bleeding ulcer.

## **Action Items for future review.**

**11-17-09 Photo Directory - Tony Morris announced photographs for the new directory will be April 8<sup>th</sup> -23rd**

**1-19-10 We need to discuss the Parish picnic. Do we have someone to lead this even? Do we continue to do it?**

**Next Meeting: February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Submitted by  
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