

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Minutes

Ministry Leaders/Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Upper Room

Present: Fr. Charles Patron, Fr. Erik Esparza, Renee Barron, Alex Gamino, John Salazar, Veronica Saiz, Kathy Wells, Esperanza Hernandez, Victor Perez, Bonnie Lopez, Angie Melendez, Lucille Martinez, Carol Cadwell, Richard Cordova, Luz Salazar, Sally Najera, Betty Shoop, Vitomar Petrovic, Ryan Vasquez, Joan Parker, Pat Barrett, Irene Camacho, Oscar Valenzuela, Dick & Phyllis Kolbly, David Barrett, Tony & Rosa, Perez, Dick & Marty Jacobs, Steve King, Don Melrose, Don Mischel, Robert Shaw, Marissa Maestas, Valerie Dwight, Denise Yniquez, Paulina Lowman, Karen Walker, Mike Crist, Denise Gutierrez, Jerry & Rita Herrera, Fernelly Mijangos, Jack Gutierrez, Laura Tomlin, Kathy Keating, Alberta Olegario, Ernie & Ella Escajeda, Victor & Norma Arrellano, Patrick Wright, Gilbert & Heidi Rodriguez, Joe Moorman, Jackie Kindler, Arcelia Aguilar

Ministries Not Represented: Altar Servers, ESL, and Grupo de Oracion,

Alex Gamino, Seminarian translated for the Hispanic Community

Opening Prayer: Alex prepared the opening prayer with Joan Parker reading the scripture. After a short reflection, the group was asked to faith share to questions given. The group prayed together a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Each Coordinator or Representative introduced themselves.

Fr. Charles spoke to the group regarding ministry and the lack of priests in the world. He explained how the priests were the only ministers to the people and how that is changing in today's church. He spoke of the role of the minister and how ministers have to be public.

Fr. spoke of ministers being baptized and how at baptism we are given the responsibility of minister. Fr. stated that we are ministers not from the heart but called. As ministers, we are not alone but guided by the Holy Spirit. Fr. stated that we all bring something special to our ministries by who we are, what we know, and how we give them to God to accomplish things. We do what we do for the community. We build the kingdom of God. Ministry takes place in the church and we as community come together to build church. We use God's power to exercise what we do in ministry.

Fr. stated that we cannot give what we do not have. Where do we get our spirituality? We must go back to Jesus Christ to find our spirituality. Jesus taught, he helped those who were sick, gave hope to the hopeless. Fr. encouraged us to read the gospels.

Renee then asked the Pastoral Council to stand and make comments if they had any.

Don Mischel stated that he would like to have the pastoral council minutes posted so that it could be known what was going on in the parish. Boni Lopez suggested we post them in bulletin as an insert. Fr. Charles said that we could have

them available in the back of the church for those who wanted to read them as well as have them posted to the church's website.

Fr. Erik spoke of how each of us is as important as the other. We all have a part to play; we have been gifted by God. We have gifts to share. Part of the element of ministry is going out and bringing new ministers. We are all called to go forth and share the good news. We have to ask ourselves why we are in ministry.

Fr. stated that often we in ministry talk about what is being wrong instead of what we are doing right. We have many blessings in our parish. We need to look at what effects us; we need to meet so that we can see what each other is doing.

Fr. stated that we have seen some of our brothers and sisters leave and go to other churches. We must have faith as much as a mustard seed. We must trust that we go forth and trust that the Holy Spirit guides us and directs us.

Mike Crist spoke of the Bishops Visit and how it is a blessing, forcing the parish to look at itself and make some serious plans for the future. We are going along and functioning. The visitation is the potential for all of us to make plans for what the parish will be in 2 years.

Mike commented on making plans now and not wait to be surprised for what is to come. If we don't do anything, we can look back at this meeting. Mike stated that "those who fail to plan, plan to fail".

Renee asked everyone to update the ministry list which was on the back table. She also asked for everyone to fill out the calendar provided with upcoming events, complete the questionnaire, and submit a suggestion for the parish survey. She asked that the above be turned in to the office. Also asked was for those who would be able to help with the Bishop's visitation to please sign up.

Renee stated that the Diocese offers ongoing formation and at the present time, 4 members had attended CMFP formation this past year. She stated that there is always some kind of workshop or formation and that we are all encouraged to take the opportunity to learn.

Veronica stated that she receives the workshop information regarding all workshops. She stated that she places them in the church and they are available in the parish office. She stated that she has all originals in the parish office.

Veronica stated that the PMFP course has to be taken prior to CMFP. PMFP is 6 months and CMFP is a 3 year commitment. These courses are available in English and Spanish. She stated that she has applications in the office.

Veronica stated that St. Joseph's Parish hosted a PMFP course last year.

Veronica stated that she keeps the schedule for the Upper Room, Old Office, and classrooms. Kathy keeps the schedule for the Noonan Hall. She asked for everyone to fill out the Facility Application renewal form. She also asked for updates on when meetings are cancelled because this information goes into the bulletin.

Veronica also asked for each ministry leader to find someone to be an assistant to the ministry and to give her the name.

Paulina commented that there are times when other ministers come into the hall and start setting up before soup kitchen is finished. Renee stated that from now on ministries would come in no sooner than 12:00.

Paulina commented that sometimes they come in and things are missing. Renee commented that she needs to know who has keys to the Noonan Hall. She mentioned that no one should have made copies of the Noonan Hall or any building in the facilities.

Renee stated that other than Saturday & Sunday Liturgies, and First Friday Adoration, no room is exclusive to a ministry. All ministries share the facilities at St. Joseph's. She also stated that the policy of the church is that keys are not to be copied and that all keys should be distributed by her.

John commented on giving Veronica a schedule. He gave an example of how he gives a yearly calendar to Veronica. He stated that communication is a key to a successful church. He stated that we need to be pastoral as Christ would have us be.

He spoke of the questionnaire which were handed out and what our purpose is as baptized people. He stated that the success of the Rel. Ed. Program is the 50 or more people who come and help in the program. He stated that a personal touch when asking people to help makes people feel special.

John ended with a scenario of Bishop Barnes' visit to us. Is St. Joseph's ready for a lay coordinator?

Pat Barrett comments that the ministry fair was good to have as a yearly event.

Kathy Keating commented that she did not receive the ministry cards from the ministry fair. Renee stated that the ministry cards were not returned to the leaders on purpose and that the cards were in her office. Renee stated that after the cards came in the staff agreed to be liaisons to each ministry. Each ministry had a staff member assigned to them and letters were sent out with this information. Renee read off the list of liaisons and will revise the list.

David Barrett commented on the upcoming weekend of exposition and adoration journey and weekly exposition on Thurs. Fri., and Sat. and also Betty Shoop commented on the procession after the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass.

Fr. Erik commented on the website, stjosephbarstow.com which we can put the pastoral council minutes and the liturgical mass schedules. Fr. Asked if anyone was familiar with websites because the person working on the church's website has taken on an extra duty at work and cannot dedicate more time to it.

The group was given a date of January 19, 2010; 2 weeks before the Bishop's Visitation

Fr. Erik ended the meeting with a closing prayer.