

Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes Tuesday, March 18, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Joe Keefe, Fr. Caesar Dralega, Nancy Gaudet, Miguel Paz, Teresa Silker, Mark Slattery, Pete Streit

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Mulvey

GUESTS: Art Dunne

OPENING PRAYER: the Sunday Gospel was read by Mark Slattery.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of the February meeting were previously approved via e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Stewardship – Art Dunne
Art provided an update on stewardship activities. The plan is to continue previous stewardship activities, including focus on time, talent, and treasure with the Ministry Fair, notes in the bulletin, etc. Several new activities were reviewed.
 - a. “Seven Steps to Financial Freedom” program.
 - b. Recently offered a Sunday afternoon program on Wills, which was conducted by Greg Spoo, an attorney and parishioner, and Deacon Leonard Fuller, Diocesan office – 38 parishioners attended; was well received. Plan to offer it again.
 - c. Welcoming newcomers: 12 volunteers offered to contact newcomers. Results: 5 home visits and 27 visits via phone. Plan to continue to contact newcomers within one month of registration. Will have a newcomers’ potluck dinner on Sunday, April 13.
 - d. Hospitality – Christianity hospitality will be the focus of the Stewardship Committee for the next several months; e.g. appropriate signage throughout the facilities, welcoming participants to church & events, newcomers, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Constitution – review of revisions
The Council reviewed revisions and agreed to the content changes. Edits will be made and reviewed via e-mail.
2. Selection of four new council members
Schedule
 - a. Nomination Sundays: April 12/13 and April 19/20
 - b. Discernment meeting: May 7
 - c. Installation of new members at Mass: May 18Nancy will draft bulletin announcement and presentation for Masses
3. Men’s Club Meeting – The Men’s Club has invited a member of the Pastoral Council. Miguel will be the contact point. Note: Miguel will be out of town the first week of April, when the next Men’s Club meeting is scheduled.

4. Next Pastoral Council will be April 15 at 7:00 PM at the Round Table.

APPRECIATION/THANK YOU NOTES

1. For the St. Patrick's Day Bash – the Youth Group for organizing the event and the Knights of Columbus for providing workers for the event.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Mark Slattery

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Streit