

Church of St Joseph
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2009

Members present – Mary Fallon, Sandy Schulberg, John Martens, Rick Casper, Rachelle Medina, Father Creagan

- I. Opening Prayer- Father Creagan
- II. New Parishoner Welcoming- List of new parishioners was handed out and PPC members will call to welcome them to our parish and introduce ourselves.

Need a long term commitment by someone willing to head a Welcoming Committee.
- III. Stewardship Committee update by Father Creagan.

Stewardship Committee would like to make a video highlighting good things which are happening at St. Joseph's to be shown at the prelude to Mass.
- IV. PPC wishes to take an inventory of all groups in the Parish. Sandy S. will make an announcement in the bulletin asking all groups of the Parish to contact her and let her know who they are.

Who are you?
What do you do?
Are you open to new members?
- V. PPC seat needs to be filled
Julianne Paskash has moved and her seat will need to be filled. Tradition has it we have 9 members, Marty F. brought forth the question, could we raise it to 10-12 members?
Discussion took place on whether or not we were a good representation of the Parish.
A consensus was reached that a single person by vocation is needed to best represent the entire body of St. Josephs.
- VI. Next PPC meeting will take place January 17th, 7pm.
Barb Schwery has arranged for a representative of the Archdiocese to speak to us on how to pursue the Guatamalan project.
- VII. Application for fundraisers – Father Creagan
Numerous requests are made for a second collection/fundraiser.
Parish policy says no outside parishioners. Requests often go through staff member Julie Pfab. Often times a request will be made to do a fundraiser for a family – often times as the Pastor you know other members have similar needs. Often needs are confidential. This application will help staff best serve the needs of members and keep needs confidential.
- VIII. Long term strategic plan –
Father Wittman had a strategic plan, Father Creagan will look into this.
Rick C. – We need goals/accountability.
- IX. John Martens led a conversation on making St Joseph's more welcoming. He and his wife moved here and knew no one. Did not have family in the area.
The question became and posed to the PPC, what do you do to get over the feeling of being left out?
How do you break down the barriers?
We all have different views and reasons for being at St Josephs.
Many families move on after their children graduate from 8th grade, losing their connection.

John M. - proposes setting up small groups to help breakdown those barriers.

Rachelle M – Since being on the PPC – we have been going around and around that issue, John you hit the nail on the head when you said how do we break down the barriers.

John M. – It is risky to try and connect.

Fr. Creagan – Proposes tying in our Parish Mission to this theme.

Parish Mission will take place March 21-22 2010. Lead by Father James Kubicki S.J.
The theme Eucharist – “A mystery to live.”

X. Sandy – Proposed having Dr. John Martens speak to the parish.

Rachelle M – Lenten Series

Fr. Creagan – Dr. John Martens and Tom Loome.

XI. Father Creagan closed with a final blessing.

Minutes proposed by Rachelle Medina