

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Day of Reflection and Planning**

August 26, 2007

**MINUTES**

(Approved)

ATTENDEES: Carol Adams, Dave Barth, Kay Bunning, Rita Byrd, Matt Connolly, Mark Farney, Rob Hans, Bob Hassman, Karen Little, Tom New, Jim Owens, Mimi Reynolds, Father Stef

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Father Stef.

Dave Barth, President, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this day of reflection. Each Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) member then introduced and gave some background information on themselves.

Mark Farney was elected to be the PPC Vice-President and Kay Bunning was elected to be the PPC Secretary.

Father Stef then led a reflection on PPC Stewardship and Leadership. He thanked everyone for their willingness to serve on PPC. He noted several points, including that leadership is service, and therefore leaders should set good examples and call people to do things.

Dave Barth then led a discussion on the role of PPC. The PPC Constitution was reviewed. Dave also reviewed how PPC would operate this year which included discussions of decision-making by "consensus." Dave plans to distribute agendas well before the meetings and stick to the agendas and timing (unless there is a critical need). Meetings for the 2007-08 PPC year will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, immediately following the 7:00pm Mass. An announcement about PPC meetings (and the fact that they are open to all parishioners) will be placed in the Bulletin, as set forth in the Constitution. The Agenda will be posted on the parish website (and distributed to PPC members) a week before each meeting.

Father Stef discussed the idea of PPC being open to all in the Parish and that PPC should have an active presence in the Parish. The PPC members decided to wear name tags whenever they are at St. Catherine, to encourage parishioners and PPC members to meet each other and to share ideas for improving all aspects of parish life and ministry.

Father Stef also led a discussion on what the group felt were the issues facing St. Catherine in the coming year. Areas that PPC felt needed attention included the Stewardship Committee (Kim Lampe and Ann Ulbricht have agreed to chair this committee this year.), forward planning with the Facilities Committee, spiritual growth of all in the Parish, Catholic Identity, and community life that includes all in the Parish and promotes the feeling of community here at St. Catherine.

By consensus, the PPC decided that the primary focus for PPC this year will be on building spiritual and social community in our parish.. An *ad hoc* committee, now called the Community Building Committee, was agreed to be established to study the issues and to present recommendations to PPC. The following PPC members volunteered and were selected as the initial members of this committee: Dave Barth, Rita Byrd, Matt Connolly, Rob Hans, and Karen Little.

Each member of PPC then agreed to committee assignments for the upcoming year:

Finance Council	Kay Bunning and Bob Hassman
Board of Catholic Education	Mark Farney
Stewardship	Karen Little
Worship	Mimi Reynolds
School PTO	Kay Bunning
CCD PTO	Rita Byrd
Social Life	Carol Adams and Jim Owens
Community Action	Matt Connolly
Boosters	Rob Hans
Foresters	Rob Hans
Men's Group	Dave Barth
Maintenance/Facilities	Tom New
New Members (of PPC)	Matt Connolly and Jim Owens
Constitution	Dave Barth
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PPC agreed to provide breakfast for the upcoming Men's CRHP weekend (September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>).

The next meeting of PPC will be on September 19, 2007 following the 7:00pm Mass.

Dave Barth led the group in a Stewardship Prayer to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Bunning, Secretary