

St. Clement's Pastoral Council

Meeting, December 1, 2008

Present: Trip Gagnon (Chair), Pat Reo (Co-Chair), Walt Pazderski, Suzanne Cleary, Tom Francomano, Lorraine Kelleher, Joyce Ponserella, Fr. Paul, Barbara Garro, Christopher Case, Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak,

We began the meeting by thanking departing members for all their hard work for the past three years. We then welcomed our new members: Christopher Case, Suzanne Cleary, Tom Francomano, and Walt Pazderski.

We asked Trip Gagnon to chair the group, to which he said yes (if he could have a co-chair), and Pat Reo agreed to co-chair. Fr. Paul asked that Trip and Pat meet with him prior to the scheduled PC meetings to discuss agenda items.

Reports

Discernment: Fr. Paul thanked Council members, new and old, for working through the discernment process and requested that we keep discernment in Nov/Dec in the future. Everyone agreed.

Old Business

Church Cleaning: Joyce has checked and found that Fr. Paul plans to have an overall cleaning job done prior to the holidays. After this, the regular person will be there for four hours each Friday and Joyce will have a "cleaning team" (many council members expressed an interest in helping with this) helping to fill in and keep things up.

New Business

Christmas decorating: Dec. 20th at 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Paul will verify the time and get back to us). If it isn't finished then, it will be continued the next day.

Adopt-A-Family: We have three families we have adopted this year and members who have not yet chosen a gift, as well as new members, were shown a list of what is still needed. Anyone who wants to contribute should contact Nancy. All gifts should be brought to the Parish office by Dec. 6th, wrapped, and labeled with the child's name.

Council Roster: New roster with names of new members was circulated and new members added their addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Nancy will update on computer and send to everyone via email.

Future meetings: Fr. Paul gave us a schedule for future meetings with a membership list at the bottom. That is attached for those who were not at the meeting. Meetings will be at 6:30 in the "Couch" room on the dates noted on the attachment.

Minutes: Nancy will take and post minutes for the meetings.

Volunteers for Opening & Closing Prayers for next meeting: Opening—Barbara Garro; Closing—Joyce Ponserella

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General Feedback and Comments

Fr. Paul asked that we talk about our expectations/what we believe needs to be addressed by the Council in the upcoming year. Some of the issues brought up were adding black tape on the stairs near the choir for visual aid; bringing about better community/ communication/evangelization for our parishioners and finding a way to get a better sense of what parishioners want/need; finding ways to get more parishioners involved in parish ministries; faith education for adults; theme discussions. There was discussion regarding a need for an "Executive" committee which would consist of the chairs of the Pastoral Council, Parish Staff Committee, Finance Committee, and Buildings and Grounds Committee. Fr. Paul wants all four groups to be better informed what each is doing and this would help to achieve that end.

Fr also noted there will be a Mission from March 23 through March 26, 2009 and he would very much like PC members to assist in promoting this event.

Next Meeting

January 12, 2009, 6:30 p.m. in the "Couch" room.

Opening Prayer—Barbara; Closing Prayer—Joyce