

**St. Mary's Visitation Pastoral Council Meeting
September, 2009**

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Submitted for Approval

Participants: Jim Parks, Jim Olson, Therese Novotny, Tom Kuester, Kathy Myers, Ed Kileen, Fr. Wenig, Mike Ertz, Frank LoCoco, Jim Parks, Scott Wozniak, Howie Pryor

I. Opening Prayer:

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as amended.

IV. Committee Reports

New Staff Members

Tom Kuester reported on his role as he serves and prepares liturgies as a new staff member. He was asked the following questions and his responses follow:

- How can we be helpful?
Continue to support the liturgy and the music here. Support him in taking care of the instruments. A certain set of pipes in the 12 yr. old organ are starting to collapse. Need to bring in some better ventilation.
- What would you accomplish in the first year to call it a success?
Build trust and with his knowledge, impact the liturgy. Let people know participation in the liturgy is very important and fun and intergenerational. Bring in the youth of the parish.

It was also noted that Scott Wozniak is now the committee member at large in the Catholic Formation Committee.

Catholic Formation Committee

Discussed the evangelization challenge: how to involve more parishioners (advertising, promotions, invitations, etc), especially with respect to involving adults.

Howie Pryor

Last meeting said farewell to Scott Wozniak on the committee. Vocations should be one of our special intentions.

School Committee-Jim Olson

- Enrollment to date for 2009-2010 is at 320 paid and pre-registered students. 34 new families. Last year was 333. Budgeting was done at 298. This is the year for accreditation. School picnic is moving ahead. April 25 is the date for Auction for Ed. Alumni picnic was a success. New parent

was social was last night with 18-20 people. The new Web site is up. It was noted that Mrs. Parks is moving to Texas in fall with her husband.

Finance Committee- Iggy Smetek

We have to do more definitive work with our loans with the atrium and the addition. For this year, Iggy and Frank decided to alternate each month to come to the Parish Council meeting. Next month we will hear about the state of our investments.

V. Pastor's Report-Fr. Wenig

- Welcome the families from St. Luke's.
- Plumbing problems were reported under the church, but this seems to be resolved.
- There will be three open forums near the end of September for people to talk about what people are thinking about. On Oct. 3 we will talk about what can be done. Fr. Laurin has been calling about every 10th family to notify them of these meetings. In Sept. meetings for all the different people involved in liturgy will be held. Oct. 3 will be in the Atrium for Parish Council starting about 10:30 and will end with evening mass.
- Sunday, Nov. 8 will be the first Fr. Daniel Pakenham lecture. The first talk is given by Fr. John O'Malley, the premiere church historian in the United States. Fr. Laurin has gotten word out to all the colleges and is letting others know.
"What Happened at Vatican II."
- The Picnic is changed to October 4.
- A report Status Anumarum, should be filled out every year. One questions is "Does your parish have a vocation team?" That has been started and is being led by Jerry Shimek
- Men's Meeting. Meet every other week. Morning mass, and then they will stay together for their time. Fr. Marty Cable? will talk at first meeting to talk about "Male Spirituality."

Old Business –
Faith in our Future

Ed Kileen discussed the quiet phase right now. The committee is currently working on some of the print and communication pieces. The committee is working on a special event that is coming up soon. We are getting a mixed reaction to the phone calls. It's about supporting the parish and the Catholic Church. We're getting some more figures about what the existing pledges are on the current capital campaign and how they are doing.

Closing Prayer –

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese Novotny