

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
February 27, 2007

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Bill Knapp
Paula Mierzwa

Tony Sadowski
Father Mike Schmied
Alberto Torres
Amber Vojtecky

Margaret Warren
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Rebecca Wood

Opening of Meeting

Father Mike led the meeting covering what is expected of Council members, when meetings and Retreat will be held, and various changes to the Council structure.

Changes to Structure of Council

Pages 18 and 19 of *Called To Serve* were read by all members of Council in order for us to understand what it means to serve on Council.

Dates were given for future meetings and the Retreat. Meetings will be held quarterly, March 24th, June 23rd, October 20th and December 1st. These meetings will be held on Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm. Retreat will be held on February 15th and 16th, 2008, at Camp Chanko.

There has not been a lot of interest shown by the parish in serving on Council. No new members were discerned onto Council. The term for members-at-large to serve has been changed from three years to two years. There will be eight members-at-large instead of 12. Several Committees are not operating as Committees at this time, because there is no Chairperson.

Major Issues of Council

The major issues of Council were discussed. These issues are: restructuring, *We Walk By Faith*, 3-Year Plan and Building Program/Parish finances/stewardship.

The second pillar of *We Walk By Faith* will be coming up on March 10th. Council members should be there if possible.

We will be entering the Building Program in the next six months and Council needs to be supportive.

Discernment of New Officers

Discernment took place and Rebecca Wood is our new Chairperson with Alberto Torres as Co-Chairperson. The term of the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson is one year. Staff,

Chairpersons and the Secretary are not eligible to serve as Council officers. The Executive Committee will meet on March 13th at 7 pm.

Our meeting on March 24th will center on the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. We will also be getting a list together as to who will be doing the prayer each meeting. There can be more than one person doing the prayer.

Committee Voice

Worship Committee

Some Eucharistic Ministers were unable to be trained; there will be make up sessions provided for them.

Bunny reported they have been very busy with the training. They commissioned over 150 ministers. They ran out of medals to present to the ministers, but more have been ordered. Some wanted medals even though they did not complete the training. Some ministers have been retrained already due to some changes.

Ash Wednesday went very well. There were no issues as came up last year.

Tony asked what happened to the \$100,000 given to the church by the Bingo Committee in 2006. Father Mike replied that money was used to help pay off the building and mortgage. The money was not to go to the Building Fund. It went into the general fund. Money from Bingo (\$85,000), 2007 is to be used for the building fund and is diocesan tax-free. Until this year, the Bingo money was tax-free. Now, in order to be tax-free, it must be specified for the Building Fund. The Women's Guild did not specify the Building Fund for their money.

Hispanic Committee

Funds were raised for Uganda. They needed \$1,500, but raised \$4,900. The Uganda sub-committee offered \$1,000 to our Building Fund, but Msgr. Mike refused to accept since it was raised on behalf of the Ugandan Missions.

Activities:

- *We Walk By Faith* first pillar *Palabra*– They discussed questions and reflections on this and about 20 people attended.
- Liturgical gestures and postures were reviewed with Father Mike.
- The Lenten soup will be March 14th.
- A live presentation of the Stations of the Cross/*el Via Crucis* will be presented on Good Friday April 6th at 3 pm.
- RICA will be on retreat on March 24th.
- Young Adult Easter Encuentro will be April 28th

Our next meeting will be held on March 24th from 9 am – 1 pm. Paula and Margaret will be responsible for the food, and Rosalia and Amber will have the prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula A. Mierzwa
Secretary