

St. Mark Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes † January 5, 2010

In Attendance: Tom Rider, Arthur Packard, Chuck Chrimes, Dennis Coleman, Kim Antolini, Nancy Thibodeau, Lisa Strickland, Lizzie Espendez. Dennis Coleman, Ralph Wearsh, Alex Sabo, Deacon Louis Pais, Deacon Robert Murphy

Excused: Tom Rider, Eileen Gallagher, Msgr. Richard Bellow, Deacon Ron Sherwood, Fr. Brad Jones, Theresa Rouse, KC Shinnars,

Guests: Beth Zuhoski

Eileen Gallagher welcomed everyone and we opened with a prayer.

Minutes: The December 1, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Guest Discussions

Dick Christian discussed the movement of the 12:30 to 1:00. This will wait until Msgr. Bellow returns. Nativity scene was beautiful however when Fr. Jones placed the infant Jesus in the manger - not many people could see it. There will be discussion on moving it to the front of the church for next Christmas. This decision will have to wait until Msgr. Bellow returns.

Dick also discussed getting all the liturgical procedures on the website (recently the alter server procedures were placed on the web).

Also - there was discussion on changing the Tithing Committee name. We will have to do more investigation on this as there is some concern about being able to change the name without a change to the constitution. However the name of Tithing Distribution Committee was proposed as a possible modified name if there are no issues.

Goals and Objectives

Education Ministry Update:

Tom Rider asked Tim Flynn about having a parent on the committee - Tom would get back to Tim in January.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is working on the Parish DVD however movement is slow with Msgr. Bellow being out.

Quarterly News letter will be fresh content - not a rehash of the bulletin. Working on format and will preview it with the council at the February meeting.

Survey

Team will extract the comments for their value to the February meeting. However there was discussion on doing the survey again. We may need to re-do the survey in pew. We will discuss this with Msgr. Richard about doing this in the near future.

Living Your Strengths

There were no new updates as the committee did not meet in December.

Old Business:

Lisa Strickland discussed potential that if we want to do the Oh-Yeah bar fundraiser - we need to do it before the weather gets warm. Fr. Jones and Deacon Louis will ask Msgr. Bellow about this.

March 13-14 is the first announcement for Discernment.

New Business

Thank you notes to be sent to all of the priests who have substituted in the absence of Msgr. Bellow. The new baptismal font will be here on January 16.

Working hands ministry - is it under Family Life from a budgetary perspective. Need to determine where they fit.

Prayerful reflection was done by Kim Antolini.

Pastors Comments

Father Jones said Msgr. Bellow was making a remarkable recovery now that he is at the rectory.

Father Jones concluded with a prayer.