

Pastoral Council Meeting

September 17, 2015 6:00 pm, Administration Center

Present: Kathy Schmidt, Esperanza Zepeda, Deb McCann, Terra Naumowich, John Breiten, Rachel Brown, Frank McKearn, David Wilson, Fr. Paul Arinze , Sarah Carter

Absent: Bekki Zammuto, Mark Santas

Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul

Welcome and Introduction

New Members: Esperanza Zepeda, Deb McCann, Rachel Brown,
Frank McKearn

Approvals:

The Minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

Orientation of Members:

Fr. Paul and Kathy Schmidt talked about the roles of Pastoral members on the council and within the parish community. Pastoral Council goal is to meet the interests/needs of the parish at large. It is a consultative body that serves to advise the pastor on different parts of the parish life. The pastor makes the final decision on all matters that pertain to the running of the parish.

Kathy stressed continuing the communication between Pastoral Council and the parish, posting minutes to the OLA website after they are approved, posting a short summary in the bulletin after monthly Pastoral meetings, and following up from the survey taken by the parish.

Election of New Officers:

Chair: Sarah Carter

Vice Chair: John Breiten

Secretary: Terra Naumowich

Developing Goals for Upcoming Council Year:

Possible ideas thus far: increasing adult faith formation, increase pastoral council presence and communication, increase attendance at all Masses, analyze the survey, more acknowledgment or focus to those parish members who are present (focus on

who we have, not who we don't), help the adult single community, fostering a sense of community (i.e. beginning of Mass, introduce yourself to people sitting near you).

Council was asked to review the survey before next meeting to possibly use the results to foster goal setting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13 @ 6pm

Opening Prayer: John Breiten

Closing Prayer: Frank McKearn

Tonight's Closing Prayer: David Wilson

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Carter

Next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building