

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PASTORAL COUNCIL OF ST. DENIS PARISH**

**23 August 2011**

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on 23 August, 2011 in the St. Denis parish center. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Chan, Mike DiMartino, Joan Madden, Roy Sardina and Michel Baylocq. Parish Staff (Sister de Chantal) was present by invitation. Father Jose called the meeting to order at 7 pm and led the opening prayer.

1. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

2. Review.

Silvia VonderLinden has finished her term of service on the Parish Council. Fr. Jose and the Council would like to thank her again for all of her contributions. Jeanie Kavanaugh accepted Fr. Jose's request to serve on the Parish Council.

Bishop Wang officiated at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Mass at St. Denis. Our Lady of the Wayside held a brunch after the 9am mass on July 15<sup>th</sup>, that was well attended by parishioners.

3. New Business.

Fr. Jose discussed the parish finances. He made a special appeal during July for additional contributions, as there were insufficient funds to pay the bills. There was an extended discussion on ways to improve the parish finances, and how to communicate the issue to our parishioners. The costs of the parish music program were also discussed. The annual parish balance sheet will be published in September.

The plans for the end-of-summer Mass and BBQ on Aug 27<sup>th</sup> were discussed. The tables in the St. Denis parish center will be setup several days in advance. Volunteers have been assigned for the Barbeque team, Food preparation team, Setup team and Clean-up team. Sr. de Chantal will buy the food and supplies. Fr. Jose is responsible for the wine and beer.

The Religious Education program is ready to begin at the end of September.

4. Executive Session. Father Jose then asked if there were any Executive Session topics that needed to be discussed. There were none.

There being no further business to come before the St. Denis Catholic Parish Council, the meeting was adjourned until the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Sept 13, 2011, at 7 pm, at the St. Denis Parish Center.