

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

15 February 2011

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on 15 Feb, 2011 in the Our Lady of the Wayside parish center. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Chan, Silvia Ponte, Mike DiMartino, Roy Sardina, and Joan Madden. Parish Staff (Sister de Chantal and Rosemary Lyon) were 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 January meeting were not reviewed

2. Review.

N/A

3. New Business.

LENT

- a. Lent will feature Soup Suppers on Wed Nights following the 6pm evening mass at St. Denis. Sponsors will be 3/16-Parish Council; 3/23-Religious Ed; 4/13 OLW
- b. Faith Sharing will be held on Tuesday Night and Saturday Morning
- c. Confessions will be offered 2 weeks before Holy Week
- d. Good Friday mass at OLW will be from 12-3 including the Stations of the Cross at noon; 1pm talk; 2pm Service and Veneration of the Cross
- e. Religious Ed will hold a Mardi Gras party on 3/6

COLLECTIONS

New people are needed to help. Joan will seek others at OLW

FINANCE MEETING

- a. Joint meeting of Finance and Parish Council in early April
- b. Need strategy to bring up collections
- c. OLW worshippers have belief that their collections are going well
- d. Need ideas and strategies as expense reduction may not be viable

OTHER

- a. Donut distribution after 930am mass is still a problem. Conduct of children is not acceptable. Need better system; less donut types; possible rearrangement of serving furniture;
 - b. Post-mass celebrations should not be focused on an individual worshiper, only church personnel or very unique events approved by Father Jose. This avoids community confusion as to what constitutes appropriate milestone for recognition.
 - c. Dinner sponsored by Father Jose with Indian cuisine at 6pm on 3/6. Sign-ups on-going
4. Executive Session. Father Jose then asked if there were any new 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, March 8, 2010, at 7 pm, at the St. Denis Parish Center.