

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

9 March 2010

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2010 in the Parish Center offices. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Bennett, Mary Chan, Silvia Vonderlinden, Frank Muenneman, Roy Sardina, and Michel Baylocq. 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 from the Feb 9, 2009 meeting were noted and approved.

2. Review.

The Ash Wednesday Mass was very well attended at St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside. About 50 parishioners attended the Lenten soup supper at the parish hall.

The Outreach Committee reported a very good response following the announcements at Sunday Mass for volunteers

The first Lenten speaker, David Pettingell, gave a very interesting talk on Feb 23 at the parish center. Unfortunately, only eight parishioners were able to attend.

The Children's Mass on March 7 went very well, with an excellent presentation. The kids had very good music, and sang very loudly. Paul and Karen spent a lot of time preparing the event, with great results.

3. New Business.

The St. Patrick's dinner on March 17 has ~70 reservations to date.

Fr. Jose asked for volunteers to assist at the August BBQ. Roy offered to be grillmaster, and Michel said he could help in any capacity.

The Religious Education Congress will be held in Anaheim, CA on 3/19 to 3/21. This is a national event with about 40,000 attendees. Fr. Jose and Rosemary plan to attend

Penance services will be held on March 25, at 7pm, at St. Denis. Fr. Moran, Fr. Morris, Fr. Rodriguez and Fr. Gaffey will be assisting.

Marge DuBois, an OLW parishioner, has volunteered to provide us with palms for the Palm Sunday Mass.

Holy Week: Fr. Stephens, from St. Patricks Seminary, will give the homily at the Good Friday Mass. Fr. Jose discussed some changes to the Veneration of the Cross. He would like to put a large, rustic, cross in the church. Then, parishioners would be able to pray at the cross, and place a nail in a bucket next to the cross.

The Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday at 8pm at St. Denis. The Easter Sunday Masses will be at the regular times.

Eve Scott is organizing a pro-Life baby shower. There has been a very good initial response, and all of the gift tags have been distributed.

Paul Schwarzbart will speak on April 18, at 5 pm, in the Parish Center, on his experiences as a Jew in WWII. This is being organized with the assistance of the Valley Eucemenical group. Light food and drinks will be served following the talk.

Confirmation will be held on April 24 at 10am at St. Denis. There was some discussion of the refreshments that should be served following the ceremony.

The Archdiocese is conducting a financial review of the parish this year. This occurs about every six years.

The remodeling of the OLW center is expected to be complete by April 13. Fr. Jose proposed holding the next meeting of the Parish Council in the new facilities. Everyone agreed that it would be appropriate.

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, April. 20, 2010, at 7 pm at Our Lady of the Wayside