

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

23 March 2011

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on 23 March, 2011 in the St Denis parish center. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, 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 February meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Review.

a. Events of last month

1. Mardi Gras – well-attended and lots of fun for the kids; should become a tradition
2. Faith Sharing – not many people but important
3. Soup Suppers – first one was slow but tonight good turnout
4. St Patrick’s Day – Good Celebration
5. Sunday Morning Donuts – New system is improvement; no need to put them on trays...keep in pink boxes to cut down time; may adjust types esp sprinkles but should put sprinkle box closer to front of line; kids extending into parking lot is an issue

3. New Business.

LENT

Seder dinner; Holy Week; Holy Thurs-5:30; Good Friday 1-3; Easter Vigil 8pm

COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

1st Communion: OLW-May 8 (only 2 kids); SD-May 14

Confirmation: May 20

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT OLW

- 5/15 Mass by Bishop McElroy
- St Denis should have a special homily event with OLW history presented to parishioners
- Can Religious Ed classes at SD do art to send to OLW for their walls?

SIGN-UPS

We should look at mysignup.com for Altar servers, donuts etc to keep better track

FINANCE MEETING

- a. Joint meeting of Finance and Parish Council May 10
 - b. Need strategy to bring up collections
 - c. Should create a report for the parish to show expenses itemized and publish
 - d. Donations needed to pay for a more elaborate Centennial at OLW
 - e. Create a wish list with costs for specific things the parish needs instead of making a blanket appeal for just “more money”. People prefer to know what their money is to be used for.
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, April 12, 2010, at 7 pm, at the St. Denis Parish Center.