

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

12 October 2010

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on Oct 12, 2010 in the St. Denis parish center. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mike DiMartino, Roy Sardina, Joan Madden 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 14 Sept, 2010 meeting were approved. A correction was noted for Ingrid Pera being the director of Youth Ministry.

2. Review.

The Parish Council welcomed Joan Madden as our newest member, and a representative for Our Lady of the Wayside community.

The Religious Education opening Mass and BBQ on Oct 2 was discussed. About 300 people attended the event. Thanks again to everyone who helped with the BBQ and event setup. That evening was also the kickoff meeting for the Menlo Intersection Joint Youth Ministry at Nativity Church for high school students. The event was a success, with about a dozen St. Denis kids attending.

The topic of more family participation in the St. Denis Sunday mass Donut preparation was discussed again. It was suggested to use an on-line signup list for families, with automatic email reminders.

3. New Business.

There will be a family mass at Our Lady of the Wayside on 17 October.

Fr. Kiriti, from a parish in Kenya, will be speaking at the 17 October masses. We discussed the idea of forming more connections with his parish.

Fr. Jose plans to make a presentation of the Parish Council at the 24 October mass at Our Lady of the Wayside.

Fr. Jose has been contacted by the Knights of Malta, who would like to sponsor an invalid for a trip to shrine at Lourdes.

The St. Denis parish administrative assistant, Mary Cague, will be retiring at the end of the year after 38 years of service. Fr. Jose will begin a search for her replacement.

Fr. Jose discussed the need to involve more parishioners in the life of the parish. He distributed a parish activity guide from St. Roberts Church, as an example of how we could reach out to the community, and create more opportunities for parishioners to participate. This was followed by a discussion by a fund-raising discussion. The parish should provide better information on how parishioner's donations are spent. New projects could be funded with matching pledges.

Joan Madden suggested that the parish create a position of Wedding Coordinator for Our Lady of the Wayside. It is a popular church for weddings, and small problems can arise which a wedding coordinator would easily resolve. The council recommended to pursue the suggestion.

Fr. Jose is investigating an upgraded parish bulletin publisher, who could provide a new format and color pictures.

The final item of discussion was the parish photo directory. The last one was done in 2006. Several members felt it was time to make a new one, especially given the new families which have arrived in the last few years.

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, November 2, 2010, at 7 pm, at the Our Lady of the Wayside Center.