

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

13 September 2011

A meeting of the Pastoral Council of St. Denis Parish was held at 7:00 p.m. on 13 September, 2011 in the St Denis parish center. Present were Fr. Jose Shaji, Mary Chan, Jeannie Kavanaugh, Mike DiMartino, Roy Sardina, and Joan Madden. Parish Staff (Sister de Chantal and Rosemary Lyon) were present by invitation. Jeannie Kavanaugh was introduced as a new member of the council from OLW (attendee since 1973 and involved in music) Father Jose called the meeting to order at 7 pm and led the opening prayer.

1. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Review.

a. Events of last month

1. Great turnout at evening mass BBQ
2. Full house at OLW for Fr. Thomas
3. Fair size group for Fr. Ring mass

3. New Business.

FINANCE

a. Must make effort to ask for money

b. Push EFT

a. New Parishioners –

- i. Welcome letter with packet/explain contribution/EFT
- ii. How donations are done
- iii. Religious ed
- iv. Welcome reception
- v. Distribute notices to them
- vi. Sponsor family
- vii. Baptism info

b. Add Donation info into religious ed packet

c. Removed envelops on non-users but need list to re-invite and ask for weekly donations with EFT/credit card

RELIGIOUS ED

- a. Slow registration to date but catechists staff is strong (2010 – 450; right now 300)

- b. 2 new advisory board members – Lisa Henriksen and Jenny Sullivan
- c. Need parent volunteers as co-teachers
- d. Plans: Advent Wreath, Mardi Gras, Reconciliation Retreat, Maple St Shelter
- e. Possible: Seminary Tour/Mission Trip
- f. Anything parents can do for after-mass school period 10:45-11:15 such as committees?

FINANCIAL REPORT TO PARISHIONERS

- a. What should the report look like? (Finance committee says minimal; Parish Council says more info; Mike D offers to provide template)
- b. Rosemary shows other church's finance info with bar charts
- c. Merge numbers of OLW and St Denis or separate?
- d. Discussion on what is needed to run OLW = \$1,800/week
- e. Finance Committee needs to answer a few questions about per person donations, reserve needs, etc
- f. Past pitch from Finance Committee had no effect. Wish list vs general fund needs
- g. Once budget report is released, then pitch; soon
- h. Budget report should be nice printout/professional

MUSIC AT OLW

- a. Changing to no music on Saturday Night and we'll see how it goes
- b. Need to make group aware of costs for music there with different schemes

NEW TRANSLATIONS

- a. Implementation plan with notification to parishioners of what and why
- b. First Sunday of Advent to End of November
- c. New Gloria in October
- d. October/November – we will discuss Mass in Slow Motion
- e. Look into long-term missellette books to save costs

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, October 11, 2010, at 7 pm, at OLW.