

St. Jerome Pastoral Council Minutes of the June 8, 2009 Meeting

In Attendance: Father Dave, Father Joe, Bob DeSimone, Florence Loch, Claire Budnik, John Turchick, Tom Bennett, Kathy Coyne, Pat Olson, Beth Olson, Tom Wagner, John Wagner, Moira Barber, Tom Rietano, Dick Maiberger, Rich Vicenzi, and Greg Vetter.

Minutes from the May 11th meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Newly elected members welcomed this evening are Dick Maiberger, Tom Rietano, and Greg Vetter.

Pastor's Report

Recap of the highlights for spring

- **Social Concerns**

This group continues to do an awesome job in community outreach. Despite the economy, the recent food drives continue to be spectacular.

- **Reach and TOTAL**

Another successful year all around and of note this year is the growth of the 7th and 8th grade program with a special emphasis on prayer. 7th and 8th graders joined with TOTAL on a recent Sunday night in a beautiful prayer service in the church. TOTAL will have the annual senior class dinner on June 16th.

- **Social Events**

We made excellent inroads to building community this spring. We had another well attended pancake breakfast, a Lenten fish fry and thanks to Tom Bennett, the raffle is moving back to All Saints and will be held this weekend. The Men's Ministry, our newest parish ministry, is very involved in the behind the scenes work of all these events.

Looking to the future

- **Building Committee**

In the early fall, the parish will receive a bequest and we hope to give consideration towards improving our building and grounds if the economy improves. Our parish really needs to establish a strong building sub-committee.

- **Parish 50th Anniversary**

The first planning meeting is scheduled for June 10th. The kickoff event for our jubilee year is the annual parish festival to be held at Cranbury Park on September 27th.

New Business

May 31 Hospitality Weekend

Representatives from the various parish ministries were on hand to meet and greet approximately 100 parishioners after all the weekend Masses. We will consider doing another event in the fall.

Election of Council Officers for 2009-2010

Bob DeSimone, Florence Loch, and Moira Barber were nominated, seconded, and elected to the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary respectively for the upcoming council year. The council thanked outgoing members Judd Mellott, Rich Vicenzi, John Wagner, and Claire Budnik who each completed four year terms.

The next council meeting will be held on September 14th.

Father Joe led the council in closing prayer.
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claire Budnik
Council Secretary