

Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of 9/14/09

In Attendance: Father Dave, Father Joe, Bob DeSimone, Florence Loch, Kevin Smyth, John Turchick, Tom Rietano, Moira Barber, Dick Maiberger, Greg Vetter, Tom Wagner, Kathy Coyne, and Pat Olson.

Minutes from the June 8, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Newly elected members were welcomed by council chairperson Bob DeSimone.

Pastor's Report:

Congregational Life Study: The results of the survey were received last week. The results will be thoroughly reviewed by the parish staff in the next week. At October's Pastoral Council meeting the study will be reviewed by the council and in order to do a thorough study of the results the monthly meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Guatemala Trip: The group of people that included Father Dave and Kathy and Gene Coyne had an "amazing and remarkable" trip to Education and Hope this past summer.

Education and Hope: A long time St. Jerome parishioner left a most generous bequest to the parish upon his recent death. Father Dave put forth the suggestion that \$10,000 of this bequest be directed to Education and Hope. The parish council unanimously voted to approve the gift to Education and Hope. Father Dave will bring this before the upcoming finance committee meeting.

Financial Procedural Audit: Report was just received – will be discussed with the finance committee and presented to the council after their review.

Building and Grounds Committee: Father Dave expressed the need for the formation of a B&G committee and the need to make this a priority.

Car Raffle: The June 13, 2009 car raffle was very successful. The entire evening was great.

Looking to the future:

50th Anniversary: Florence Loch presented and reviewed the 50th Anniversary timeline for the upcoming year. The kick off event will be the September 27, 2009 parish festival. The list of events is wonderfully put together with the goal of something special happening each month, including a parish dinner dance in November, Fall pancake breakfast and Welcome Home Mass, and many, many, more events that will bring the entire parish together to celebrate this 50th anniversary milestone.

Many volunteers will be needed and the proposed time line will be posted on the parish web site. The many different events will coincide with the different social events that the council sponsors during the year.

Parish Registration: A registration form for new and current parishioners is on the parish website. A push will be made to have current registered parishioners update their information via this form.

New Business: The Congregational Life Study will be reviewed in depth by the council in the hopes of creating areas of parish life that will reflect the needs of all parishioners.

The next council meeting will be held on October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Moira Barber
Council Secretary