

**MINUTES FOR THE ST. JEROME PASTORAL COUNCIL
JUNE 14, 2004**

In attendance: Bill Groener, Ronalee Grant, Erin Halsey, Woody Wood, Nancy Sokolowsky, Judi Dennehy, Kathy Coyne, Anne Groener, Dan Loch, Bob Olson, Pat Hauptman, Peter Gioiella, Kathy Jaeger, Father David Blanchfield, and Fred Bonilla.

A card and letter from outgoing Council President Al Canevari was read to the Council and all present expressed gratitude for Al's service to the council. A prayer was offered up on Al's behalf for a speedy recovery.

Pastoral Council Elections: An abbreviated length for the nominations and election went quite smoothly. While 2 weeks of nominations and 1 week of voting could be a violation of council bylaws, it was quite effective nonetheless. All present thanked Bob Olson for his efforts in coordinating the election.

For the September 13, 2004 meeting, Father David volunteered to do the opening prayer and Judi Dennehy the refreshments.

The Minutes for the May 10, 2004 meeting were seconded and accepted into the record.

Pastor's Report: The St. Jerome car raffle was very successful with receipts of about \$50,000.00. With May and June's weekly offerings averaging about \$8,000.00 weekly and with two gifts to the church of \$5,000.00 each, the church's financial picture is looking a bit better than during the winter months. We have met our Bishop's appeal pledge this year with 106% of our goal. The date of our St. Jerome festival this year is September 26. The Social Concerns committee sent out a gift of \$1,000.00 to Haiti among the \$5,000 allocated to selected charities and ministries.

Hospitality: Bob Desimone went over hospitality events that occurred during the last year. It was suggested that a Sign Up Sunday be done again to inform parishioners of ministry opportunities in the church. It was also suggested that a table be set up at the festival.

Church Website: The new, revised website is now up and running. We received 2,753 hits on the first day of operation, June 1, and 1,840 the following day. An e-mail notifying parishioners of the site will be sent out to the 157 e-mail addresses we have accumulated.

Pastoral Council Officer Elections: The following were elected to serve for the 2004-2005 term:

Bob Olson – Chairman
Bob Desimone – Vice Chair
Fred Bonilla – Secretary

A special thank you was offered to Bob Desimone for serving as Council Chairman in Al Canevari's absence. The next council meeting, the first of the 2004-2005 term, will be held on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. Father David adjourned the meeting with a word of prayer at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Bonilla
Parish Council Secretary