



**Pastoral Council Meeting – 3 February 2009**

<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 3, 2009		<b>Meeting Place:</b> Parish Offices		<b>Time:</b> 7pm
Attendees:	✓	Brandon Harrison	✓	Fr. Ron Combs
	✓	Dave Dillon		Fr. Tom Shearer
		Joe Hurr	✓	Mary Ehret
	✓	Luis Garcia		
		Mary Jane Weir		
	✓	Mike Fitzgerald		
	✓	Mikki Clancy		
		Pat Mullen		
		Peggy Grogan		
Guests:				

<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>
Discuss Parish reports and provide direction on Parish activities.
<b>Desired Outcomes:</b>
Discuss recent parish activities and activities to improve the Parish.
<b>Agenda – Discussion Lead:</b>
1. Opening Prayer
2. Role of the Parish Council
3. Focus on Goals
4. Other
5. Closing Prayer

Fr. Combs opened the meeting with a prayer.

<b>Topic: Role of Pastoral Council</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Ehret led the group in an overview of the role of the Pastoral Council             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council is the Parish think-tank. New ideas come from this group.</li> <li>2. Parish Council sets annual priorities for the Parish. The parish staff and volunteers are the doers of the priorities.</li> <li>3. The council is an advisory board, not a decision-making body. They are a clearinghouse, keeping a thumb on the pulse of the Parish.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

<b>Topic: Focus on Goals</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living it oversight. The worship committee is addressing impact to the ministry. Feedback from several ministries has been very positive, especially Prayer Blanket /Shawl and the Cookie Exchange. Council would like to have a report out of the progress in order to review what went well, where the Council can help, and the next plans. Luis Garcia to send a request to Ann Scott for a report out.</li> <li>• 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The Council will begin focusing on our recommendations for the celebration, recommendations for volunteers to serve, and review of the progress.</li> <li>• Parish Appreciation events need some focus – coordinators and follow thru.</li> </ul>



**Topic: Other**

- Discussion of the Parish activities that could help our Parish during this economic downturn. The group brainstormed a number of ideas including job re-tooling workshops, economic support group, human resources assistance, volunteer activities, networking resources, financial networking, spiritual directors, college/scholarship opportunities, and food bank.
- Mike Fitzgerald and Brandon Harrison volunteer to craft ideas for discussion at our next meeting.
- Fr. Ron will speak to need for volunteers at the weekend masses, bulletin announcements, and websites communications later in February.

Fr. Combs closed the meeting with a prayer.