

MINUTES OF THE IHM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 24, 2009

In attendance: Msgr. Sean Cunneen, Fr. Tony Kuizon, John Abreu, Rich Banasiak, Jeanne Cleary, Tracey Foley, Maritza Franco, Lee Gillingham, Chris Haight, Margaret Lewis, Peter Nizner, John Ponterio, Carol Rizzo, Louise Timko

1. Opening prayer/sharing – John Ponterio – Tales of a Magic Monastery – The Pearl of Great Price
2. Report of Finance Committee – Tracey Foley – response to Fr. Sean’s letter has been positive so far -- \$14,000 in donations already received including \$10,000 from Parents’ Guild – carpeting ordered – altar rail coming down next week – Fr. Sean to speak at all Masses this weekend
3. Plans for Parish picnic – June 20th – Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary – Mass followed by picnic – coordinated by Working Committee (meeting 4/21)
4. Discussion of establishing Parish Goals and Objectives – What Do They Really Need? Ideas discussed include:

Fr. Tony’s presentation - 4 Phases of Management – Forecast, Organizing, Executing, Evaluating

How to get working committee and others to be comfortable with sharing ideas and making plans rather than just executing the plans of the priests

Special Working Committee Meeting – training/discussion of what we’re asking people to do; pattern what we’d like to have discussed in cluster meetings

Cluster meeting prior to working committee to get people to contribute general ideas that Pastoral Council can refine (good idea but we just can’t fit it all in during this busy time of year).

Committees should ask themselves: why are we doing this? How can we provide continuity for those who come after us?

New way of thinking for us – start a process of how to look at parish and how to make it better – Pastoral Council needs input of working committee, which in turn needs input from individual ministries

Objective is to have different groups work together as a cluster, networking rather than doing its own thing.

This is a process of education – asking the parish to do something it has never done before. Can be challenging/frightening to some.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Working Committee – Tuesday March 24 in lieu of Pastoral Council Meeting

Next Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 28 – Rich Banasiak to lead prayer. Pastoral Council Photo to be taken!