

AGENDA
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2009
7:30 p.m. – Church Basement

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

1. Opening prayer/sharing – Margaret Lewis – theme is HOPE.
2. Report of Finance Committee – Tracey Foley – Nazareth center heating/cooling system needs \$47,000 repair – Finance Committee was already committed to a \$25,000 expenditure for new carpeting and kneeler repair in Church – Fr. Sean sending a letter to all parishioners asking them to give their Christmas donation again over the 5 weekends of March (Lent) in addition to usual gift.

John P suggested we “go green” and look into a rooftop garden. This could lower the temperature on the roof by 30 degrees, thereby lowering the temperature inside the building considerably in the summer. The roof inspector should be asked if this is feasible.
Jeanne suggested parish fundraisers.

3. Adoption of Council By-laws and terms for members – adopted – Tracey to get them on website
3 year terms – Margaret, Lee, Maritza, Rich, Peter, Chris, Kathy,
4 year terms – John P, John A, Jeanne, Tracey, Carol, Louise
4. IHM website update – Pastoral Council – now listed under committees
Website has “tremendous potential” as communication tool.
Add Fr. Sean’s letter to website – banner “read Fr. Sean’s letter...”
Peter questioned IHM in Action – what does this mean? Photo of Church needs to be lightened.
Joan wants feedback – feel free to email her with any other suggestions
5. Adoption of Parish Mission Statement

We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary.

Tracey to get on website
Include on letterhead?

6. Discussion of establishing Parish Goals and Objectives - pp. 92 – 132 of *Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council* workbook.

p. 95 – Goals – must be doable
p. 100 – goal setting – each cluster should come up with a goal – add to working committee agenda as well as cluster meetings

New Energies – should involve the pastoral council and entire working committee to accept the principles of New Energies – perhaps this should be a goal of the parish

New Archdiocesan legislation states that a parish with a school building that is no longer being used as a school must give a percentage of the profits from this building (i.e., rent) to a school. St. Bernards in Plainfield is in this situation and has decided to give its percentage to St. Bart's Academy, which in turn will ease our parish's financial burden for the school.

Priority should be communication; more opportunities for parishioners to become more involved in parish life. Perhaps this should be a goal.

Next Meeting – February 24 – Rich Banasiak to lead prayer – continue discussion on goals.