

MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

May 26, 2009

7:30 p.m. – Church Basement

In attendance: Fr. Sean Cunneen, John Abreu, Rich Banasiak, Jeanne Cleary, Tracey Foley, Chris Haight, Margaret Lewis, Kathy Mitchell, Peter Nizner, John Ponterio, Carol Rizzo

1. Opening prayer/sharing – Fr. Sean – reflections on Pentecost
2. Council Members – Service Committee update regarding two new members for next year – Kathy felt that attendees at the recent Service Committee seemed “very extended,” and that we should revisit this in the fall (or leave number of Council members as is).
3. Continued Discussion of establishing Parish Goals and Objectives
 - a. Goals –goal was revised slightly: **Strengthen the parish community by increasing participation in the weekend liturgies, and in our ministries.**
 - b. Objectives for each cluster to achieve goal / point person
 1. To hold a family-based retreat in Spring 2010 –/ Jeanne Fox
 2. To promote the parish’s image at Fanny Wood Day and Scotch Plains Day street fairs - / Jeanne Cleary
 3. To publicize events, Mass schedule, etc. in the media throughout the year / Peter Nizner
 4. To survey our parishioners regarding preferences for music in our liturgies / Katie Wills
 5. To hold monthly fellowship after Mass beginning in Fall 2009 / Kathy Mitchell and Margaret Lewis
 6. Plot a parish map detailing where our parishioners live by end of 2010 / Peter Nizner to ask Anthony Carlino
 7. Create a booklet of parish ministries / Rich Banasiak and Tracey Foley
4. Pastoral Council Report to Parish – set for weekend of June 13/14
 - a. Written annual report for bulletin insert - prepared by John Ponterio; revised version will be forward to Anne L’Heureux
 - b. Schedule for speakers at Masses for weekend of June 13/14th
 - 5:30 PM – Kathy Mitchell
 - 7:45 AM – Rich Banasiak
 - 9AM – Carol Rizzo
 - 10:30 AM – John Ponterio
 - Noon – Peter NiznerSpeakers will also read parish announcements
5. Discussion for next year’s agenda – where do we go from here? To be discussed at our next meeting, Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30 PM in Church Basement. John Abreu will lead sharing.