

**Minutes of St. Rose Parish Pastoral Council  
January 19, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Fr. Denis O'Sullivan, Alfonso Alarcon, Fr. Ramón Pons, Darin Schettler, Teresa Vassallo, Betty Wychocki, Fr. Gerry Gormley, Rich Emig, Tony Dicolen, Peter Leveque

**Reports From Liaisons:**

a. St. Rose School (Darin)

Positives:

65% of school families registered at St. Rose Parish  
Principal is pleased with school family involvement at Family Mass  
Feels adequately supported by parish administration & staff.

Challenges:

Physical distance of school from parish.  
Struggle to maintain exposure, recognition at parish level

Goals:

Consider permanent signage at parish to promote school  
Consider increasing Fr. Ramón's exposure at school level  
Possible weekly mass/prayer service in school chapel  
Continue to work toward completion of new preschool building

b. Finance Committee (Peter)

Need to reestablish regular scheduled meetings  
Possibly need to review rate charged for hall rental (i.e. Kof C rate)  
Current goals per handout.

c. Liturgy/Music (Tony)

Currently there is no liturgy committee.  
Input from Music Ministry per handout.

d. Religious Education (Teresa)

Positives:

Pleased with new book series purchased for this year.  
Adequately staffed with teachers and assistants for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades  
Recent November Pasta Feed Fundraiser Net Income ~\$800  
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser scheduled for March.  
Donna Lott responsible for weekly email or written communication to keep parents informed.

Challenges:

Budget – Sr. Sheila lacks direct control of checking account, not aware of current balance.

GOF - Despite attempts to encourage attendance, GOF Sundays have not been well attended by religious ed. families. Input from some parents is that the weekly Wed. afternoon format is preferable, and that the GOF Sunday is too long for young children.

Catechist Training – It has been difficult to get teachers to sign up for basic catechist training program due to the significant time commitment.

Goals:

Increase effort to train new catechists

Address lack of religious ed. family involvement in GOF program.

Clarify role and relationship of GOF program with regard to weekly religious ed program.

e. Hispanic Community (Fr. Ramón)

Religious Ed. Program - Currently ~ 200 children registered

Utilize 18 teachers. 13 will attend LA Congress in Feb.

Youth Ministry – program disbanded when Fr. David left. Currently Alex is assisting with weekly meeting on Fridays for teens.

Music / Liturgy – No specific committee in place for these ministries. Fr. Ramón would prefer single committee for both English & Spanish speaking communities.

Agrees that access to storage of music equipment and protocol for set up and take down should be addressed.

f. St. Vincent de Paul (Rich)

Currently complete 12 distributions per day, approx. 60 per week.

30 members involved, work out of room in convent.

Supported by Redwood Empire Food Bank ( purchase food at .20/lb)

St. Rose Parish donates approx. \$3-\$4000. per year from 4 collections in addition to the Thanksgiving collection.

Having difficulty meeting current demand.

g. Maintenance Committee (Rich)

Ongoing repair of chairs continues

Refer to handout for future projects.

Goals:

Possibly increase utilization of Ta for maintenance projects

Increase supervision of maintenance work (Ginger?)  
Review need for larger scale projects (roof, heat, AC etc) and  
possibly use some of parish center rental income to fund projects

h. Parish Festival Committee (Betty)

Refer to handout for description of event.

Challenges:

Insufficient volunteers

Limited time to recruit from school families between school start in  
Aug. and festival in Sept.

Goals:

Increase recruitment of volunteers

Increase raffle ticket mailing beyond parishioners

Goal of achieving 50K net profit

**Town Hall Meeting Schedule:**

Sat. Mar 1<sup>st</sup> after 5:30 mass, & after 7:00 Hispanic mass

Sun Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> after 7:30. 9 & 11 & after 12:30 & 6:00 Hispanic masses

Place announcement in bulletin 2 wks prior.

Parish Council Member to speak at each mass 1 wk prior.

Priests to encourage attendance after mass on weekend of meeting.

Parish council members encouraged to be present at all meetings

Fr. Ramón will identify interpreters to facilitate communication.

**Parish Outreach:**

It was agreed to continue with outreach program 6x/yr.

Council members to bring potential charity names to next meeting to compile list  
for the year.

**Statue of St. Rose:**

All were in agreement to obtain statue of St. Rose of Lima from St. Eugene's

Aware that cost will be involved in transport of statue.

Council members to go look at statue before next meeting.

Where to place statue to be determined.

**Inclusive Parish Community:**

All present agreeable to begin additional Hispanic 12:30 Sunday mass, to best  
accommodate needs and to promote feeling of a more integrated, inclusive  
parish.

Fr. Ramón will begin celebrating this mass Sun. 2/10/08

Notice will be in bulletin regarding new mass time and the rationale behind it.

Fr. Ramón agreed to inform Resurrection & OLG about new mass time

Will complete ~6 mo trial period prior to assessment of any potential need for

changes.

**2008 Goals for Parish Council:**

Finalization and approval of goals forwarded to agenda of 1/29/08 meeting.

**To Do Items – Due by 1/29/08 Meeting:**

Each member to bring list of possible nonprofits to use to compile 2008 parish outreach list.

Each member to bring potential goal statements for council based on information reported by liaisons regarding needs of ministries/committees.

**Tentative Agenda Items For Next Meeting – Tues 1/29/08 7 -9 pm**

Approve final draft of Council Purpose and Org. Structure.

Compile list for parish outreach program for 2008; schedule donation Sundays.

Prioritize and approve council goals for 2008.

Schedule members to speak at masses 2/23 & 2/24 regarding Town Hall Mtg.

Schedule members to be present at town hall mtgs 3/1 & 3/2.