

**Minutes of St. Rose Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
September 30, 2008**

Members Present:

Fr. Denis O'Sullivan, Len Marabella, Teresa Vassallo, Alfonso Alarcon, Carlos Soria, Rich Emig, Darin Schettler, Tony Dicolen, Peter Leveque. Visitors: 3 parishioners present.

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Denis opened the meeting with a scripture reading and a prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from July 29, 2008 meeting approved as submitted.

Public Comments:

Parishioner shared photos and copy of contract documents from the building of the original church structure.

Reports:

Pastor's Report – Fr. Denis

- Parish Festival: Continues as one of the biggest community building events in the parish. Expressed appreciation for the work of directors Pat & Maridel Perlas.
- GOF: Decision has been made to suspend program due to lack of families registered in program.
- Adult Education Series: Summer sessions of wine & cheese adult education evenings proved successful. Current plans are to continue offering adult education in this format. Committee is working toward clarifying a vision for Religious Ed. in this parish.
- St. Rose Preschool Building: Completion and dedication of new building expected by December 2008. Currently building cost is 150 – 200K over budget. 20 yr. loan from Knights of Columbus secured. Have submitted request for second loan for K of C to cover total cost.
- New School Year: Religious education classes have begun for K – 6th. Youth ministry programs for junior high and high school are also underway.
- Finance Council: New chairperson is Gloria Retamoza, vice chair is Paul Vassallo. The function of this council is to plan and approve annual parish budget and to sign off on annual finance report to diocese.
- Parish Staffing: Ginger is working as office manager. Michael LaMark works 20hrs/wk on maintenance and supervises janitor and gardener. The Leveques and a volunteer crew are helping maintain landscaping and completing other necessary repairs & maintenance.

Hispanic Community – Alfonso Alarcon

- Mass attendance: Newly added 12:30 mass is consistently well attended.

- Adult Education: Completed successful 9 evening series for adults which provided bible study and encouraged an increase in adult involvement in the parish. Each Friday evening approx. 40 families participate in an education program. Alfonso will provide Fr. Denis with resource information with possibility of making the program offering bilingual.

Diocesan Pastoral Council – Len Marabella

- Communication: Looking at ways to improve communication within diocese. Working toward changing North Coast Catholic publication, with possible future web based format.
- Fund for Seminarians: Currently there are six seminarians. In process of brainstorming fundraising ideas to cover current 190K shortfall to fund this program.
- Task Force on Lay Pastoral Ministries: Goal is to create a career path for a trained layperson to fulfill role of Lay Pastoral Minister. Currently working on clearly defining the position. Goal is to complete job description and experience and education requirements for this position by end of Jan. 2009.
- New DPC Members: Len expressed need for additional representatives from our parish on DPC. Commitment is to attend monthly meetings.

Old Business

- Parish Outreach:
Oct. 11 @ 5::30 Pediatric Dental Initiative – Rich to present
Dec. 7 @ 7:30 TBD – Betty or Peter to present
- Town Hall Meetings/Ministry Fair :
Town hall meeting and ministry fair to be held after all masses weekend of Oct 11-12th. Parish Council members assigned to contact ministry reps. to be present at fair. If unable to have rep. present, at least a name and contact number should be provided for all ministries/committees.
- Town Hall Meeting facilitators
Sat. Oct. 11 – Rich, Teresa, Len

Sun. Oct 12 – 7:30 Darin, Rich
9:00 Darin, Peter
11:00 Peter, Tony
- Report to Parishioners regarding work of Parish Council:
Tony to draft summary of what council is currently working on to be published in bulletin.
- 2008 – 2009 Parish Budget:
Finance council working on completion. Will be completed in ~ 2 wks.

New Parish Council Members

- Announcement at mass will be made to encourage parishioners to use self nomination forms available in vestibule.
- Current council members encouraged to personally invite individuals to apply.
- Nomination forms due to rectory by Fri. Oct. 17, 2008.
- Nominating committee to meet Sun Oct 19 after 9:00 mass to review nominations.
- New members to begin serving in Dec 2008.
- Peter and Betty will be leaving council this Dec.

Review of Goals

- St. Rose Statue: Letter to contractor has been sent to begin acquisition process.
- Adult Education: Meeting Mon Oct. 6th @ 5:30 to plan adult ed. series.

New Business

- Current budget provides for 25 hrs/wk of janitorial services (Reuben)
- Request that council members/ushers monitor restroom cleanliness whenever possible.
- Possible need for improved leadership and role definition of ushers.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:05 p.m

Next meeting scheduled: Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 @ 7 p.m.