

St. Noel
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes for Monday, November 22, 2010

Convened 7:02 pm

Present: Patty DeJohn, Diane Csaszar, Joan Mihalcik, Randy Eveland, Bob Tomkalski, Tom Repko, Sr. Kathleen Heer, Mel Troha, Eleanor Reilly, Margaret Neville, Fr. George Smiga, Georgeanne Botek, Dave Barni, Ric Doringo, Sharon Waltemire

- I. Opening Prayer – reflection of Matthew 24:37-44

- II. Old Business
 - A. Welcoming Table for Prospective New Members:
 - Success continued into November
 - PPC members volunteered for December 11-12, 2010

 - B. New Parishioner Reception
 - Ellie and Sharon presented invitation: “Share a Meal and Meaningful Conversation at Church”
 - New date set for January 31, 2011 6:30-8:30pm
 - Dinner, 3 questions, coffee and cake, large group sharing; tables of 8, closing prayer- Sr. Kathleen to lead
 - Pastoral Council Members to act as leaders/ facilitators and take notes to bring back to PPC.
 - Goal is to have new parishioners feel “listened to”
 - Appreciative Inquiry article handed out to PPC members who will facilitate; “appreciate” means to value, recognize, or affirm the strengths, successes, and potentials of a person or thing; to “inquire” is to explore or discover

- III. Catholic Update
 - A. Voted on whether PPC members thought it will be a “big deal”
 - Shared each’s feelings and thoughts on the new missal

- Voted: split nearly 50/50 as to whether this would be a significant change for most parishioners

B. Explanation on the Change

- ??Why are we doing these changes?? Fr. George expounded on the rationale. Catholic mass has always been based on Roman Missal. After Vatican II, the translation lost some nuances, so this update is an effort to get closer to the Roman Missal. The language is more fraught with scriptural allusions, so it sounds less like English. If it invites people to reflection, it might be a positive enrichment. This new movement is going back to the Latin origins which may foster a richer, more thoughtful language; it may bring our English translation closer with the rest of the world, i.e. “and with your spirit”
- May 2011 GIFT session will address this update

Next Meeting: January 17, 2011

- Prayer: Ellie
- Refreshments: Georgeanne
- Minutes: Sr. Kathleen