

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

Convened 7:00 pm

Present: Patty DeJohn, Diane Csaszar, Joan Mihalcik, Randy Eveland, Bob Tomkalski, Tom Repko, Sr. Kathleen Heer, Mel Troha, Sharon Waltermire, Eleanor Reilly, Alice Hinkel, Margaret Neville, Fr. George Smiga, Ric Doringo

- I. Opening Prayer – reflection of Luke 9:28-36

- II. Endowment Campaign – Fran Reddick from the St. Noel Endowment Board talked about their upcoming campaign to increase the Church’s endowment: 50 Wills Campaign. (Fran handed out an outline of the campaign and its goals.)
 - A. Facts about St. Noel’s Endowment
 1. it is established as a separate identity from the diocese
 2. a percentage of its accrued interest each year is given to special projects at St. Noel, such as Social Justice
 3. the fund is invested through an American Funds portfolio (in “relatively safe” options)

 - B. 50 Wills Campaign
 1. the goal of the campaign is to get 50 parishioners to notify the Endowment Committee that they have remembered St. Noel in their wills or estate plans
 2. a big part of this campaign will include educating the parish on what the endowment is and does and how it works; as well as a general awareness campaign of the importance of making a will
 3. announcements will be made through the bulletins and letters; the committee will also contact people who wish to learn more about wills and St. Noel’s endowment
 4. the campaign will begin after Easter of 2010

 - C. Discussion
 1. the PPC unanimously supported the education campaign
 2. some concern was expressed as to starting such a campaign in the economic downturn
 3. it was felt, however, that the education campaign would focus on a couple of key issues
 - that the endowment is there for the future of St. Noel’s
 - the simplicity of the process of including St. Noel in one’s will

- including information on the options of leaving assets to the endowment (advantages, process, etc.)
 - that the endowment is something everyone should think about regardless of wealth or assets
4. it was also felt that the campaign could somehow be tied-in to the 30-year celebration

III. Upcoming PPC Retreat

A. The Parish Council Retreat is set for **Saturday, March 13, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at St. Noel.**

B. The retreat is being organized by Eleanor, Joan and Tom

C. Proposed agenda:

- 8:15 – Continental breakfast
- 9:15-10:15 – Session One
- Break
- 10:30-11:50 – Session Two
- 12:00-1:00 – Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 – Brainstorm session

IV. 30th Anniversary Celebration

The PPC continued to brainstorm possible ideas to celebrate St. Noel's 30th anniversary:

- Sunday mass and social for those married and/or baptized in the church. Could also include founding members, deacons from St. Noel, those who have joined us in our 30th year (this year's new members)
- Page book: send out a template page to each household in order to build a scrapbook or memory book
- Place Sacramental records on display ("30 Years of Grace")
- Video tribute to the parish (could place on web site)
- Contact other St. Noel Catholic Churches in the country, or other parishes turning 30
- Spreading special masses out over several weekends
- Celebrate "30" – 30th child baptized, 30th marriage, etc.
- A trivia game about the Church that parishioners can participate in
- Suggestions were made to form a 30th Anniversary committee to focus on ideas and planning

V. Hospitality

There was some brief discussion over strategies for hospitality for those visiting the church. Some suggestions included:

- flyers about St. Noel and its activities
- small gift bags for visitors
- boxes *with cookies!*

VI. Next Meeting: **Monday, April 19**

- Prayer: Diane
- Refreshments: Bob
- Minutes: Sr. Kathleen

VII. Closing Prayer

Don't forget the March 13 Retreat.