

**ST. NOEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FOR MONDAY, January 18, 2010**

TO: Dave Barni, Georgeanne Botek, Diane Cszaszar, Patty DeJohn, Ric Doringo, Randy Eveland, Sr. Kathleen Heer, SLW, Alice Hinkel, Joan Mihalcik, Margaret Neville, Tom Repko, Fr. George Smiga, Bob Tomkalski, Mel Troha, Sharon Waltermire

Meeting convened at 7:00PM

- I. Opening Prayer: reflection and sharing on Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

- II. Report on status of St Noel Death Penalty filing in November.
 - Letter sent and received by Ohioans to Stop Executions. The group posted a special congratulations on their website to the Social Justice Ministry, parish council and staff at St. Noel in Willoughby Hills, Ohio who recently passed a death penalty moratorium resolution.
<http://ohioanstopexecutions.blogspot.com/>
 - A letter was sent and acknowledged by Senator Sherrod Brown

- III. The Endowment committee has offered to underwrite a flyer/brochure for St Noel if it would assist in helping to welcome new parishioners. The PPC discussed 1) if this was something we think would help welcome new parishioners, 2) what purpose would this serve for us, 3) considerations how we can prepare this to not be out of date, and 4) if we like the idea, what would we like to include?
No decisions were made on this issue, but the following were considered:
 - Bulletins from other churches and parishes were reviewed
 - Desire to not include any dated information, only general information
 - Sr Margaret March from Office of Evangelization from Dioceses has resources for evangelization and welcoming
 - List comments from parishioners
 - Provide a cookie or treat with flyer

- IV. The year 2010 is St. Noel's 30th anniversary. How might we mark/celebrate this event?
Fr. George will take the ideas below to staff for consideration.
 - Special mass
 - Invite Bishop Pella to speak (Bishop at time St Noel Church started)
 - Coordinate celebration with picnic
 - Appreciation dinner for anyone involved in a ministry
 - Picture book
 - Year book/memory book with thoughts on St Noel from parishioners
 - Parish trip, e.g. to tomb of martyrs
 - Place parish history on website

- Picnic with potluck and theme
- Booth/tent at Fest
- Banner or sign for 30th anniversary (local ordinances may prohibit)

V. Parish Pastoral Council Retreat

From the flyer/brochure discussion, the idea of further exploring welcoming and hospitality during a retreat was suggested. This would allow a thought process to determine what outcome is desired. Retreat is typically on Saturday morning from ~9am – 2pm. March 13 or 27 were proposed. Availability of location and speaker will be investigated before next meeting.

Next meeting: What if anything to position the parish to be welcoming to those from closed parishes. Initial thoughts are, in general, to be welcoming and to provide challenges to be involved.

Next meeting: Monday, February 22nd 7:00 pm

- Prayer: Alice Hinkel
- Refreshments: Joan Mihalcik
- Minutes: Ric Doringo

Closing prayer led by Fr. George.