

**ST. NOEL**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES for JANUARY 17, 2011**

Meeting convened at 7:03 pm

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

ABSENT: Eleanor Reilly

- I. Meeting opened with prayer and reflection on Matthew 4: 12-23

## **II. Old Business**

Sharon Waltermire led the group through the final details and timetable regarding the upcoming New Parishioner reception on January 31, 2011. There are approximately 88 new families (120 adults) who have registered in the past year. All have been sent invitations with RSVP.

PPC members were also asked to take a variety of roles for the evening. The event will be held in the small banquet hall beginning at 6:15pm. Email and phone call reminders will be placed in the next week

Time was spent on clarifying the role of PPC facilitators at the tables. If there are extra PPC members not assigned to tables, they will act as recorders for discussions.

## **III. New Business**

Fr. George shared that Bishop Lennon wants all parishes to use the more traditional religious education format for

children in grades 1-8 with 1 ½ hours of face-to-face time using a textbook and contact with a certified catechist each week.

St. Noel was one of 30 parishes in the diocese to pilot the intergenerational program we call GIFT. GIFT will continue next year but on a more limited basis. There will be four sessions that will be distributed over the year so that we can preserve the intergenerational aspect of religious formation. Marianne Slattery has devised a 29 week schedule for children's faith formation, grades 1-5, for children not in Catholic grade school. Erica Witmer has spelled out the basic schedule for the middle school levels of 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, also for a total of 29 weeks, meeting the required amount of time.

PPC members discussed the possibilities for day of week and time for these classes. It was also suggested that there be more dialog with Divine Word for scheduling possibilities. One other option brought up was the family-based model which could also be expanded to a cluster of families in a neighborhood if desired.

PPC will meet next on Monday, January 31 for the New Parishioner gathering.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00PM.

Prayer: Dave Barni  
Refreshments: Tom Repko  
Minutes: Randy Eveland

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Heer, SLW