

Meeting Minutes

Saint Theresa Parish Pastoral Council

May 18, 2009

Official Minutes

Members Attending: Fr. Chuck Kieffer, Rick Raymond, Becky Henry, Vincent Berkley, Gina Anthony, Kurt Hammond, Michael Harris, Neil Urban

Members absent: Mary Muir, Billie Young, Lisa Beggs

7:10 Opening Prayer (Gina)

7:15 Welcome and Opening Statement (Rick)

Rick welcomed everyone to our final meeting before the summer. He expressed his appreciation for all of our service over the last year and for our support of him as President of the Council. He indicated he would be happy to continue on the council but would prefer to do so as a member not as an officer. All joined in expressing thanks to Rick for his service this year.

7:25 Approval of Previous Minutes

Vince made a motion, seconded by Michael, to approve the minutes of March 16, 2009. The minutes were unanimously approved.

7:30 New Family Mentor Discussion (Gina)

Gina presented details of the school's new family mentoring program so that we might consider this as a model for new parishioners. At the school, each new family is paired with an existing family with similarly-aged children to act as mentor and guide through their first year at St. Theresa School. This has been very successful and enables new students and parents to get questions answered and make new friends. Council members discussed ways in which a program like this might be developed to serve new parishioners as well. Additional discussion will take place at future meetings.

7:45 Membership Status (Rick/Becky)

Becky asked each member about continuing their term or renewing their term for an additional three years. Michael, Vince, and Gina will be continuing. Rick and Kurt both indicated they would extend their service for an additional three-year term. Becky will make a decision over the summer.

Neil Urban is leaving the Council after 6 years of service and Mary Muir is leaving after 3 years of service. All expressed their thanks to these members for their dedicated service.

Becky indicated that this leaves the Council with 4 (possibly 5) vacancies. Discussion took place on the best way to make the needs of the Council known to the parish community.

8:00 New Officer Elections

Rick opened the floor to nominations for new officers. Kurt proposed that Rick continue as President and Vince seconded the nomination. No other offices were decided at this time. Rick indicated he would speak to Lisa about the possibility of her accepting an officer position.

8:20 Closing Prayer (Neil)

Respectfully submitted by Becky Henry, Secretary