

**SPN Pastoral Council Meeting  
March 2, 2009**

**Present:**

Fr. Saloy	Louis Arrigo	Stacia Bua
Dan Crumb	Rebecca Derbes	Matt Holmer
Beth Johnson	Mary Spain	Jean Turner

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer led by Beth Johnson.

**Approval of February Minutes:**

Jean asked if there were any changes to be made to the February meeting minutes. Several changes were noted. Dan moved that the February meeting minutes should be approved as amended, Mary seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Fr. Saloy Update:**

Father stated that a copy of the church architectural plans had been received, which were used to assist with placement for the new outdoor church sign. He stated that there would be a 20 foot servitude between the sign and the street, and that the project is proceeding forward.

Father also informed the Council that a police report had been received on the recent incident in which a person ran into the bollard near the curb outside the church. The person's insurance company has agreed to pay \$600 to have the bollard and a piece of the concrete replaced.

Father also asked for volunteers to work during the upcoming mission. He stated that there was a need for volunteers to staff a table after each preaching, where tapes and books are to be sold to benefit the Dominicans. A schedule of the mission was made, Council members volunteered to cover all preachings, and Stacia is to email the schedule to all Council members.

**Jean Turner Update:**

Jean reminded the Council that there is no Council meeting scheduled for April. The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2009.

Jean also informed the Council that a donation had been made in Deacon Ben's memory from personal funds collected from Council members. Jean said she called Mrs. Helen Hausknecht and asked her for her input on the donation. Helen said that she thought Deacon Ben would like for the donation to be made to the Community of Deacons of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Jean also advised the Council that the photo arrangements are complete with Olan Mills for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Yearbook. Photographs will be taken October 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Jean reserved meeting rooms 1, 2, and 3 in the Parishioners' Center, and she has arranged for an announcement to begin running in the bulletin to alert parishioners of those dates. Louis suggested that the bulletin announcement contain verbiage about the free portrait and yearbook that Olan Mills is offering to each Parish family.

Jean asked if each Pastoral Council Liaison is working with the organizations assigned to them. She wanted to make certain that each Council member is staying in contact with their respective ministries and/or organizations to ensure that the website and yearbook can be updated with the appropriate information. She also mentioned that each Council member needs to alert organizations about filling the 2010 schedule with organization volunteers for each monthly Sunday Family Gathering.

Lastly, Jean informed the Council that the Parish secretaries have completed entering all the recently gathered census cards into the Parish database. Those parishioners who did not complete a census card but whose name(s) appear in the Parish database are being sent a letter from Father Saloy asking for confirmation of existing information or updated information.

### **Old Business:**

*Newsletter:* The issue of whether the Parish should begin publishing a newsletter was again discussed. When this issue was first raised, the Parish website had not been updated recently and did not contain the wealth of information it currently holds. Therefore, it was decided that the current bulletin and website are sufficient sources of news and information, and a newsletter is not recommended by the Council at this time.

*Issue of Holy Communion Shortage at Mass:* Father Saloy decided that it was in the best interest of the Parish to hold a joint meeting of the Hospitality Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. He would like this meeting to take place the week before Holy Week. Father asked Stacia to contact the Pisciotas (EMHC) and the Talleys (HM) to set a date for the meeting.

*CrossRoads / Catholic Outreach:* This subject was tabled for the next meeting and will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

*Search for Fundraiser Chairpersons:* Father Saloy informed the Council that Dr. Stack and Larry Falgoust had an idea about how to solicit volunteers for fundraiser chairpersons. He said that they suggested that the Parish host a wine and cheese party in the rectory. It was decided that this topic would be tabled until the next Council meeting.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Rebecca seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 8:50 p.m. with a prayer by Father Saloy.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Stacia T. Bua*