

**SPN Pastoral Council Meeting
May 4, 2009**

Present:

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

Opening Prayer: The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer led by Matt Holmer.

Census Presentation:

Staci Gelpi, one of the Parish secretaries, addressed the Council on the secretarial effort concerning the Parish census update. Staci explained that she and Yvette Ecuyer, the other Parish secretary, have been working diligently to finalize the Parish database. Staci reported that she and Yvette have identified many parishioners who have been in the Parish for quite a while but who did not fill out a census card. The Council agreed that Staci and Yvette should mark those database records as current parishioners. Staci also reported that, according to the recently updated database, there are currently approximately 2,600 Parish families. The Council also thanked Staci and Yvette for the enormous amount of time they have dedicated to this project.

Approval of March Minutes:

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

Fr. Saloy Update:

Father updated the Council on the recently formed Stewardship Committee. He reported that Emile Dufrene has been appointed to the Stewardship Committee, and that they are proceeding forward in their efforts as outlined by Deacon Jerry Martinez during his visit to the Parish.

Father also reported that both he and Deacon Ed received many positive comments concerning Lenten and Holy Week services. The Council agreed that this past year's Easter celebration was a most Holy and joyful one.

Lastly, Father reported that the preliminary report from the May Fair was that it was a huge success, and that prayers for good weather were certainly heard and answered. Dan inquired about whether Fair proceeds go directly to the Parish. Father responded that they do and that, while the Archdiocese currently forbids capital campaigns, individual Parishes are able to hold fundraisers such as the Parish Fair. Father stated that proceeds from the Fair will be used for such future developments as school building additions and construction of a weekday chapel. The weekday chapel would be used for adoration, small funerals and small weddings.

Jean Turner Update:

Jean advised the Council that she has been in contact with Iris Trahan concerning the Granny's Attic sale. Iris asked that the Council consider the creation of vouchers to be used by needy parishioners at the end of the Granny's Attic Yard Sale. The Council discussed this possibility as well as several other alternatives. It was decided that the issue would be tabled until the next Council meeting.

Jean also advised the Council that she has also recently been in contact with Bonnie Dunlap with Olan Mills. Bonnie advised Jean that Olan Mills will begin the parishioner sign-up procedure for yearbook pictures in August of this year. Stacia mentioned that she has spoken with both Sharon Villarubia and Mary Bordelon concerning old Parish pictures that might be used in the historical portion of the yearbook. Stacia agreed to contact Sharon and Mary about borrowing the pictures so that Father can go through them and possibly select some for the yearbook.

Jean suggested that the Parish have a special mass and reception next year in celebration of the Parish's 50th anniversary. It was decided that this mass and reception will be held on July 2, 2010.

Old Business:

CrossRoads / Catholic Outreach: Tabled until next meeting.

Search for Fundraiser Chairpersons: Lenny Franz and Doug Harris have been named co-chairpersons for OktoberFest. There is still not a chairperson for the Winter Gala, and that issue was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Speaker for 2010 Lenten Mission: Stacia mentioned that Ruby Kirsch asked that the Council consider bringing Steve Morgan back to the Parish for an upcoming Lenten Mission. Rebecca added that another possibility would be for the Parish to bring Deacon Glenn Harmon and his wife, Linda, in as Lenten speakers. This issue was also tabled until the next meeting.

Louis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Larry seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 9:05 p.m. with a prayer by Father Saloy.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacia T. Bua