

**SPN Pastoral Council Meeting
August 3, 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 7:35 p.m. with a prayer led by Dan Crumb.

Approval of June Minutes:

Jean asked if there were any changes to be made to the June meeting minutes. Rebecca moved that the June meeting minutes should be approved as written, Matt seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Fr. Saloy Update:

Father informed the Council that Mr. and Mrs. Stacy donated two concrete benches for the port-cochere entrance area of the church. Stacia added that Jean accompanied Phyllis Stacy to Home Depot to pick up the benches; Jean then delivered the benches to the church, where church employees unloaded them from Jean's pickup truck.

Father also let the Council know that he is having the church property's sprinkler systems checked again. While the company that installed the sprinklers continues to allege they are working properly, it appears that many plants are dying due to lack of water during the recent heat wave.

The Council was also informed that, in recent weeks, the number of skateboarders on church property has decreased. While the unauthorized skateboarders on church property were initially an insurance liability concern, it now appears as though they have moved on to other areas in the neighborhood.

Father also let the Council know that it has been decided to use proceeds from the May Fair for speakers in the Parishioners' Center's multi-purpose room. A new vendor has been hired, who has conducted a thorough analysis and identified mistakes made by the original vendor.

The Council also received an update on the work of the Stewardship Committee. Father mentioned that he will call Deacon Martinez to arrange the next step in the stewardship process.

Father also informed the Council that weekly collections appear to be consistent. Father said that the continued generosity of parishioners has enabled the parish to stay current on all bills.

Father told the Council that St. Philip Neri will be hosting the East Jefferson Deanery Mass with Archbishop Aymond on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm. A reception following the mass has also been scheduled in the Parishioners' Center.

Lastly, Father updated the Council on Bishop Carmen's health. Father said that the Bishop is doing well after his surgery, and is already going out for brief periods of time. Father also said that Bishop Carmen has returned to his home in Kenner.

Jean Turner Update:

First, Jean thanked Matt for chairing the June meeting while she was on vacation. She noted that, according to the June meeting minutes, it appeared as though things ran very smoothly under Matt's guidance, and much appeared to have been accomplished.

Jean then let the Council know that she was successful in getting in touch with the vendor that supplies the Parish contribution envelopes. She said the company gave the Parish permission to use the stewardship quotations on the envelopes, provided the verbiage is not used for commercial purposes.

Jean showed the Council the seal that Trey Green has been working on for the Parish. Jean further explained that Trey is in the process of finalizing the design of a special seal to commemorate the Parish's 50th anniversary.

Lastly, Jean mentioned that a Parish orientation meeting has been scheduled with Olan Mills for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 1 pm for anyone available and/or interested in attending.

Old Business:

Speakers for future Lenten Missions: Father informed the Council that the Parish was successful in confirming Deacon Harmon as the Lenten speaker for 2010. He is scheduled to assist as deacon and give the homily/mission invitation at all masses the weekend of March 27 and 28, 2010. The dates of the mission are March 29, 30 and 31, 2010. Rebecca and Stacia volunteered to chair a search committee for the 2011 Lenten mission speaker.

Yearbook Ministries Portraits: Matt suggested that the Council prepare a volunteer schedule for assisting Mr. LeNormand with the yearbook ministry portraits. The following schedule was compiled:

Friday, 9/28/09:	Matt – from opening to closing time
Saturday, 9/29/09:	Matt – to open Parishioners' Center Dan – 9 am to 10 am Rebecca – 10 am to 11 am
Sunday, 9/30/09:	Mary – to open Parishioners' Center Jean – most of the day Stacia – most of the day (except during 11 am mass)

Individual and Household Pictures for Yearbook: Jean asked for volunteers to staff an Olan Mills table at the end of each mass during the weekends that yearbook portrait sign-up in church will be available. A schedule was tentatively drafted and Jean volunteered to send the schedule to Council members. Jean also mentioned that there will be a pulpit announcement following the Prayers of the Faithful highlighting and explaining the portrait sign-up table.

New Business:

SPN CPR Training Program Report: Jean updated the Council on the CPR Training Program Report recently received from Iris Trahan. Jean also informed the Council that letters of acknowledgement have been mailed to all those responsible for assisting with the CPR training and CPR equipment for the Parish. Letters were mailed to the Chad Barcia Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Talley, Iris Trahan and all volunteer CPR instructors.

Family Gathering Update: Mary Spain gave the Council an update on the monthly family gatherings currently being held in the Parishioners' Center. Mary mentioned that the meetings are very popular with parishioners and well attended. She also mentioned that the concept of having a different ministry/group host each month's meeting has worked out exceptionally well and next month's gathering will be hosted by Dr. Stack and the SPN school staff.

Pastoral Council Liaison Assignments: Jean acknowledged the members of the Council for the fastidious work in keeping in touch with their assigned ministries. It was agreed that the ministries assignments would be reallocated to allow for coverage of some ministries who were not currently being contacted. Jean is to email an updated list of ministry contact coverage.

Pastoral Council Election Committee: Jean reminded the Council that Council elections are rapidly approaching and asked for volunteers for this year's Pastoral Council Election Committee. Louis, Stacia and Rebecca volunteered to be on the committee. It was then decided that the biographies of candidates would be posted in the church and included in the bulletin the weekend of November 28 and 29, 2009 and elections are to be held on December 5 and 6, 2009.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Rebecca seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 9:10 p.m. with a prayer by Father Saloy.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacia T. Bua