

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: <i>Pastoral Care Council</i>			
Meeting Date:	December 15, 2009	Time:	6:30 – 8:00 PM

Meeting Participants:	Present	Meeting Participants:	Present
Sr. Carol Ann Gosse		Bernie Rice	
Claudette Bougie		Audrey Schumacher	X
Lynn Crowley		Stella Sola	X
Diane Helander	X	Marlys Toogood	X
Cathy McMillin	X	Ellen Yazbeck	X
Sophie Oliver	X		

Agenda Items	Owner
<p>1. Prayer— Marlys opened the meeting with a prayer.</p>	Marlys
<p>2. Committees under Pastoral Care— Sr. Carol Ann was scheduled to tell us about the Prayer Line but was unable to attend due to illness. We will have the Prayer Line update in January 2010.</p>	Sr. Carol Ann
<p>3. Minutes— The minutes from the November meeting were approved. Cathy will email them to Mary Lillemo so she can add them to St. Odilia’s website.</p>	Cathy
Old Business	
<p>1. Sharing Tree Synopsis— The Sharing Tree was a great success! Parishioners were very generous with their donations and the recipients were very grateful. The St. Odilia elementary school children made Christmas cards for all of the families and the Confirmation group passed out bags of candy when the families picked up their cards. Thanks to everyone who worked on this project so that we could reach out and help people in need. Stella will write an article for the Messenger about how the cards helped families and really made a difference.</p> <p>In the spirit of always trying to do improve, the following suggestions were made to help next year’s effort run even more smoothly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Collecting the cards</i>—although there was a notice in the bulletin each week telling people that they could drop their gift cards in with the collection, many folks were confused about how to turn them in. A suggestion was made that in addition to the announcement in the bulletin, we could add a note to the Christmas ornaments telling people to put the gift cards in with the collection on Sundays. 	Marlys

Old Business (con't)	Owner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Naming Convention</i>—due to confusion about naming conventions, a suggestion was made that we assign a number as well as a name to each application so that the process of passing out the gift cards might run more smoothly. 	Marlys
<p>2. Update on Pastoral Outreach Survey— This item has been tabled until next month.</p>	Claudette Marlys
<p>3. Community of Support Booklets, bulletin ad, updating— Marlys will call to ensure that the updating has been completed. Stella shared the PLC's comments re: the proposed bulletin note. Marlys and Diane will finalize the wording so that the notice can be included in the bulletin.</p>	Marlys Diane
<p>4. 50th Anniversary— Marlys will check on the scheduled date for the Welcome Home Sunday.</p>	Everyone
New Business	
<p>1. Long Range Planning Subcommittee Report— We reviewed the LRPC subcommittee report for the PCC and discussed how best to proceed. We will begin working on the Help Center project immediately. We will also continue to work on the Pastoral Outreach Survey project. PCC members are asked come with ideas next month so that we can brainstorm how we might best help people.</p>	Everyone
<p>2. Prayer— Ellen Yazbeck will offer the prayer at the January meeting.</p>	Ellen
<p>3. Committees under Pastoral Care — Sr. Carol Ann will report on the Prayer Line next month.</p>	Sr. Carol Ann
<p>4. Support for Troubled Marriages— We agreed that we have a good program in place to support couples about to be married, but feel there may be a need to offer support to help couples strengthen their marriages at all stages of life. Members are asked to bring thoughts and ideas for how we might fulfill this need.</p>	Everyone

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Next meeting, January 19, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Helander, Recorder