

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

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| Council: <i>Pastoral Care Council</i> | | | |
| Meeting Date: | October 20, 2009 | Time: | 6:30 – 8:00 PM |

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

| Agenda Items | Owner |
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| <p>1. Prayer— Claudette opened the meeting with a prayer. Also, we've been asked to remember Claudette's niece Jennifer in our prayers as she is pregnant with twins and they think she might have the flu.</p> | <p>Claudette</p> |
| <p>2. Committees under Pastoral Care— Jean Werden gave an overview of the Marriage Support program to the PCC. All couples being married at St. Odilia's must go through the program. St. Odilia prefers to marry only members of the parish but will consider non-members under special circumstances. Couples who have been married before are referred to Fr. Rask.</p> <p>Engaged couples meet with Jean or other Marriage Support volunteer couples who explain how the PREPARE program works. Initially, engaged couples are interviewed separately to ensure that they are entering into the marriage of their own free will. Marriage Support volunteers administer the prenuptial questionnaire as required by the church. Currently, the test can be taken online or by completing a paper copy. The purpose of the questionnaire is to help the couple identify problem areas and to help them work through them before they marry. An engagement retreat is also offered. Participants feel that the program is very helpful and its importance has been recognized by the State as couples who complete the program get \$75 off the cost of their marriage license. The time required to complete the program depends on how often the engaged couple can meet. If they can meet every week, the process can be completed in 4 to 5 weeks.</p> <p>Jean reported that she has trouble recruiting Marriage Support volunteer couples and usually gets referrals from the Stewardship Council. In order to be a marriage support couple, couples must be married in the Catholic church, attend mass on a regular basis, and complete training to administer PREPARE. Jean provides training and support, as needed.</p> | <p>Marlys Jean Werden</p> |

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| <p>The Parish provides a workshop every other month (handled by the parish's Wedding Coordinator) to discuss scripture, music, etc. for the ceremony.</p> <p>Everyone agreed that the presentation was very interesting and informative. Our thanks to Jean for her work on the Marriage Support Committee and for attending our meeting.</p> | <p>Marlys Jean Werden</p> |
| <p>3. Minutes— The minutes from the September meeting were approved. Cathy will email them to Mary Lillemo so she can add them to St. Odilia's website.</p> | <p>Cathy</p> |
| Old Business | |
| <p>1. Updating Community of Support Booklets— Philippa Lindquist reports that she and her committee are almost done updating the information on the Community of Support Booklet. Philippa has also submitted an article about the Booklet for the Messenger. This was a big project and the PCC is very grateful to everyone who worked on it.</p> | <p>Marlys</p> |
| <p>2. Sharing Tree— Sr. Carol shared the proposed schedule and personnel needs for the Sharing Tree project for 2009. This year, donors will be asked to purchase gift cards or certificates instead of actual gifts. Members of the PCC volunteered to help with all stages of the project.</p> | <p>Sr. Carol Ann</p> |
| <p>3. Report on Stewardship and Archdiocesan Meetings— Attendees reported that both meetings were informative and interesting. Forty-one people attended the Stewardship meeting. Everyone agreed that the session was great and opened up new ways to consider stewardship not only as it pertains to our Council, but to our personal journey of Faith.</p> | <p>Everyone</p> |
| <p>4. Feedback on call for Pastoral Outreach Survey— Marlys and Audrey reported on calls made with mixed success. Some were not able to reach people but Marlys had some good conversations with people who were very appreciative of the call. Stella reported that one person who had been contacted by the PCC called the church and asked to talk with the chairman of the PLC to say "thank you" for reaching out to them. Lynne Shriver-Sheedy, the PLC chair, asked Stella to thank the PCC for their work on the Outreach project and said to "Keep it coming!"</p> <p>Marlys revised the Pastoral Care Contacts script and gave PCC members an updated copy. Marlys and Claudette will review the remaining call list to determine who is left to call. We will discuss how we will proceed at our next meeting.</p> | <p>Marlys</p> |

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| <p>5. Procedure for Secretary— In the past, there has been some confusion about the process for writing and sending out draft and approved minutes when someone fills in for the current secretary. Diane wrote a procedure explaining how to do it to ensure everyone has the information needed. Each PCC member was given a copy and asked to keep it in their Council notebook for future reference.</p> | Diane |
| <p>6. St. Odilia's 50th Anniversary— The PCC has been asked to suggest ideas about how to celebrate St. Odilia's 50th anniversary. Marlys suggested we have a "Welcome Home" Sunday to welcome any people who have been away from the church. Everyone liked this idea so we will proceed to work on this idea.</p> | Everyone |
| <p>7. St. Odilia Name Clarification— Stella reported that the "legal" name of the church is: The Church of St. Odilia of Shoreview. We should refer to the church using this name if we are preparing legal documents.</p> | Stella |
| New Business | |
| <p>1. Committees under Pastoral Care — Sr. Carol Ann will ask someone from Sarah's Table to come to our November meeting to give us an overview of this committee.</p> | Sr. Carol Ann |
| <p>2. Prayer— Lynn Crowley will offer the prayer at the November meeting.</p> | Lynn |
| <p>3. Visitor— The PCC was happy to welcome Deacon John Crowley to our meeting this month. John wants to discern next year and is trying to decide which council to join.</p> | Everyone |
| <p>4. Reminder— Michael Kratochvil will talk to all of the councils about financial planning while we are eating dinner next month. In order to give him adequate time, the dinner time will be extended by fifteen minutes and our meeting time will be shortened by fifteen minutes.</p> | Everyone |

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
 Next meeting, November 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Helander, Recorder