

## St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

<b>Council:</b> <i>Pastoral Care Council</i>			
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 15, 2009	<b>Time:</b>	6:30 – 8:00 PM
<b>Meeting Participants:</b>	Present	<b>Meeting Participants:</b>	Present
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	X
Sophie Oliver	X		

Agenda Items	Owner
<p><b>1. Prayer—</b> Bernie opened the meeting with a prayer.</p>	Bernie
<p><b>2. Minutes—</b> The minutes from the August meeting were approved. Diane will email them to Mary Lillemo so she can add them to St. Odilia’s website.</p>	Diane
<p><b>3. Committees under Pastoral Care-</b></p> <p>Debbie Musch, the St. Odilia representative for Growing Thru Loss met with the council to explain this ministry. St Odilia has been a part of the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition since 1985. Growing Thru Loss is a grief support series sponsored by the coalition. They provide a support program 2x/ year and separate grief groups based on different types of loss. Debbie regularly communicates with Sister Carol Ann regarding the needs of the group. She did not express any supports that are needed from the council at this time.</p>	Sr. Carol Ann Debbie Musch
<b>Old Business</b>	
<p><b>1.Feedback on Calls for Pastoral Outreach Survey—</b></p> <p>Marlys made 20 calls and received 10 responses. She spoke with one former parishioner who had distanced himself from the church but was grateful for the call. She recommended continuing with the calls for this reason. Stella made 5 calls and noticed a pattern where 3 of the 5 families contacted were dealing with adult children who were moving home with their families due to job loss.</p> <p>New council members expressed interest in starting calls. Discussion was held about how to provide support over the phone. Marlys will update the phone script and questions before new members begin making calls.</p>	Everyone
<p><b>2. Discussion on Committees under Pastoral Care –</b></p> <p>All noted that they are finding the reports from committees helpful and informative.</p>	Everyone
<p><b>3. What is the Purpose and Responsibility of our Ministry Area?</b></p>	Everyone

Discussion held regarding the purpose of our committee and the support committees under pastoral care. It was noted that the needs are there. The difficulty is finding people and sustaining the support over time. Sr. Carol Ann did identify a need for a divorced/ separated group and a singles group.	
<p><b>4. Community of Support Booklet- Marketing</b></p> <p>Phillipa Lindquist will be writing an article in the Messenger to draw awareness to this resource. Diane and Marlys have been working on a message for the weekly bulletin. Two versions were reviewed. Stella will bring options to the PLC. PLC recommended using the parish office # for weekday calls and First Call for Help after hours. The booklet is in need of updating to insure all resources are current. Phillipa will be organizing a group to assist with this. Stella noted that she attended a strategic planning meeting and several area parishes were interested in our booklet. They will be referred to the website to obtain a copy.</p>	Marlys and all
<p><b>5. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b></p> <p>Discussed ideas for recognizing and acknowledging volunteers. Providing a write-up each month to highlighting various pastoral care committees was offered as a suggestion.</p>	Everyone
<p><b>6. My Closet to Yours</b></p> <p>The challenge for providing a community clothing swap is space for storing items. The recommendation was made to refer to current community supports. This item will be tabled until next year.</p>	Sophie and all
<b>New Business</b>	
1. Claudette will be relinquishing her position as Chair of the Pastoral Care Council. She will be remaining on the council and serving as the co-chair on an as-needed basis. Marlys will take over as PCC chair.	Marlys Claudette
<p><b>2. Committee to Present next month</b></p> <p>Jean Werden will be contacted to speak about Marriage Support. Marlys and Sister Carole Ann will be putting together a list of group leaders for each organization.</p>	Maryl's
<b>3. Prayer for next month:</b> Claudette	Claudette
<p><b>4. Approval of Minutes Procedure</b></p> <p>Diane has started writing a procedure so that all members will know the process for writing and sending out the draft and approved minutes.</p>	Diane
<p><b>5. Procedures to be put in Place</b></p> <p>Secretary duties will be shared by Diane and Cathy who will alternate responsibilities for meeting minutes. We need a procedure to be put into place for updating the Community Booklet on an annual basis.</p>	Diane Marlys

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
Next meeting, October 20, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
**Cathy McMillin, Recorder**