

ST. JUDE PARISH
 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – **APPROVED 11/27/2007**
 September 18, 2007
 O'Brien Social Hall – St. Patrick Parish, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:	Father Don	Beth Markon
	Father Andy	Jerry Meyer
	Jerry Krausert	Terry Pasterski
	Sheila Kujava	Larry Sterckx
	Martin Kyles	Margaret Yakel

TOPIC:	REPORT/DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order.	
PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS:	Martin Kyles agreed to serve as the chair of the St. Jude Pastoral Council. Larry Sterckx will be the vice chair. Beth Markon will be the secretary.	Pastoral Council officers were accepted.
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	The May 15, 2007 Pastoral Council meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Two items were added to the meeting agenda: Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Update was placed under Old Business; Sheila Kujava asked whether Gospel Time could be added as a New Business item but, since Sheila has already recruited volunteers to facilitate the program, Father Don suggested she work through Maxine Geiger to get the course materials and reintroduce this offering at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.	Sheila Kujava will contact Maxine Geiger about reinitiating Gospel Time at the 9:00 a.m. Masses.
ST. JUDE PARISH FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE:	Terry Pasterski summarized activities planned for celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Jude Parish. The planning committee would like to expand the <i>Advancing the Mission</i> video but, the person who worked on that presentation now has additional job responsibilities and will not be able to assist, so the committee is looking for another volunteer who has access to video editing software. The committee is also trying to secure a photographer to take pictures of the honorees at each of the Masses in October; the first weekend recognizes those who received any of the Sacraments at St. Jude Parish, the second weekend recognizes former students and staff from St. Jude School, the third weekend recognizes any parishioners married for 50 years or more, and the last weekend a special anniversary Mass is planned at 10:30 a.m.	Informational.
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:	The annual parish meeting has been scheduled for October 28th at 9:00 a.m., just prior to the anniversary Mass at 10:30 a.m. All council members are expected to be present for this meeting. Arrangements will be made for a special notice to be placed in the bulletin announcing the annual parish meeting on October 28th as well as the change in the Mass schedule for the anniversary celebration.	All council members are expected to be present for at the annual parish meeting. A special notice will be placed in the bulletin announcing the annual parish meeting on October 28th as well as the change in the Mass schedule for the anniversary celebration.

<p>2007-2008 PARISH PRIORITIES:</p>	<p>As the new council year begins, Father Don asked council members to consider priorities the parish should focus on this year, acknowledging that many of the initiatives undertaken to achieve last year's goals are still in the beginning stages and need more time to develop. However, a couple of new ideas were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evangelization - This effort would encompass improving attendance at Masses and parish events first, and then spread to the outlying area. Sister Pat is working on a book that would be distributed to new parishioners as a welcome and gesture of hospitality. It was agreed this goal feeds into the stewardship concepts, which include encouraging participation by presenting the many activities and opportunities the parish has to offer. • Senior Ministry - Expansion of this service was also suggested. Sister Toni has been assigned to coordinate and formalize this program. • Quad-Parish Master Calendar - Noting how a school event overlapped with this meeting, creating a master quad-parish calendar was also proposed. Efforts are already underway to maintain such a calendar but it is essential that all groups communicate with Laurie Verheyden, who manages the calendar, to avoid conflicts. As far as school and parish events being scheduled at the same time, the school staff will be asked to review the master calendar prior to selecting dates for events just as the parish groups have been asked to consider school activities in their planning. 	<p>Between now and the next council meeting, council members are asked to consider other ideas for parish priorities; this topic will be discussed again at the next meeting and decisions will be finalized.</p>
<p>CLEANING PROJECTS:</p>	<p>Council members pointed out some areas of the church that could use a more thorough cleaning, such as the carpet at the front entrance to the church.</p> <p>Discussion then turned to the kitchen in the basement. It was noted the rental agreement does state the party renting this facility is responsible for cleaning the area and, if it is not cleaned, the lease states the parish will not refund the deposit. However, the agreement is not always enforced.</p>	<p>Father Don will talk to Wayne about completing the special cleaning projects.</p> <p>The council agreed the lease should be enforced and will support the parish staff that deal with the lessees.</p>
<p>PROJECT COORDINATION:</p>	<p>Noting the various commissions are encouraged to work together on similar projects to avoid overlap and duplication, a question was raised as to whether the same type of coordination should occur between school and parish activities. Examples of related programs were provided. The intent behind the question is not to require that the school request permission but rather that the entities work together when applicable to present a coordinated and united effort rather than several groups each making a contact for a similar purpose.</p>	<p>Father Don requested time to consider the feedback and will provide clarification at a future meeting.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p>	<p>There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2007.</p>	
<p>Recorder:</p>	<p>Beth Markon</p>	