

ST. JUDE PARISH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - **APPROVED 02/26/2008**
November 27, 2007
St. Joseph Parish, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Father Don Beth Markon
 Rheda Jelen Jerry Meyer
 Rod Klingbeil Terry Pasterski
 Sheila Kujava Larry Sterckx
 Margaret Yakel

TOPIC:	REPORT/DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	<p>The September 18, 2007 Pastoral Council meeting minutes were approved as submitted with one correction: In the section describing the Annual Parish Meeting, Terry Pasterski's name should be removed as the person responsible for the bulletin announcements.</p> <p>Three items were added to the meeting agenda: <i>Gospel Time</i> was placed under <i>Old Business</i>; <i>Disposition of the Old Altar</i> and <i>Donation to the Parish</i> were added under <i>New Business</i>.</p>	The Pastoral Council meeting minutes were approved with one correction.
OLD BUSINESS:		
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:	The annual parish meeting was very positive with good questions and an engaged audience. Attendance was better on this weeknight than meetings held after the Sunday Masses.	No action required.
2007-2008 PARISH PRIORITIES:	In follow up to a similar discussion at the last meeting, council members were again questioned as to areas they felt should be focused on as priorities during the coming year. In addition to those items cited at the last meeting, the council would like to see the effort extended toward Youth Ministry to continue as well. Father Don commented on discussions he has had with pastors at other Green Bay west side churches regarding pooling resources toward one West Side Youth Ministry Program and one West Side Faith Formation Program. If successful, eight parishes would be splitting the programming costs and better funding would allow a broader availability of services. Father Don will provide an update at future council meetings.	No action required at this time.
GOSPEL TIME:	Sheila Kujava reported volunteers to coordinate the Gospel Time classes have been recruited but now the need is for more children to participate. It was suggested the availability of this program be promoted through the day school and Religious Education classes. Another idea was to mention that parents can accompany their children to the class as it appears some youngsters are shy and afraid to go up to the front of church alone.	An announcement about the Gospel Time program will be printed in the bulletin.
NEW BUSINESS:		
PARISH IDENTITY:	Council members were asked to consider what makes St. Jude Parish unique, and how St. Jude Parish stands out from other parishes. The question was introduced at this meeting so council	Council members will be asked to share their ideas at the next meeting.

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	members could give this concept some thought and, at the next meeting, the council will begin working on a statement that incorporates St. Jude Parish's unique qualities with the intention of printing this statement in the Welcoming Booklet.	
DONATION TO THE PARISH:	Evie Noel made a very generous donation to St. Jude Parish in the form of stocks, to be used as designated by the parish. The value of this donation is approximately \$200,000. It was determined the parish's greatest needs are to replace the roof on the former Parish Center building and to pay down a large portion of St. Jude Parish's debt to the bank. By reducing the parish debt, funds that were allocated to interest payments can be used to set up a parish maintenance fund, which can then be used toward other building and grounds projects. An announcement about this donation will be made at the Masses and placed in the bulletin. Council members suggested including how the donation will be used and the reasons for such decisions in the announcement because it is important for parishioners to be kept aware of this type of information. It was also confirmed the roofing project will be put out for a bid and parishioners who work in the roofing business will be made aware of the bidding process.	No action by the council was required at this time.
OLD ALTAR:	The anniversary planning group was very appreciative to have the old altar back in the church for the special Mass. Many questions have been raised about the disposition of the altar and whether it can remain in the church. It was explained that the altar had previously been cut and it is not stable or safe to use for any purpose. It is no longer blessed as the relic that was in the altar was removed when it was originally taken out of service. Its placement back in the church was a concession for the anniversary Mass but, if it fell on someone, that person could be hurt very seriously.	An announcement will be placed in the bulletin explaining that the old altar is unstable and unsafe for any future use and that it will be appropriately disposed of upon its removal from the church.
OTHER BUSINESS/ OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The carpet in the Division Street entrance to the church was pulled out because it was coming up and it was unsafe. Compliments were extended to the parish anniversary planning group. The events were nicely done and were wonderful community-building activities. The celebration seems to have rejuvenated parishioners. 	
ADJOURNMENT:	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.	
Recorder:	Beth Markon	