

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – February 23, 2015

Present: Fr. Tim Keating, Mary Lou Casey, Joan Ferris, Bernice McLellan, Peg Mangano, Steve Sleasman, Regina Gapzynski, and Franco Walls.

Guests: Nancy Hall, John Olenik, Lisa VanDeVen, Karen Swift

Absent: Glenn Allen

Meeting was opened with prayer.

Discernment Process

- Candidates each answered one of the questions, which lead into a general discussion of the Essential Elements of Parish Life. Discussion included
 - Adoration should be the FIRST part of our worship and prayer (Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication – ACTS)
 - Respect and Acceptance – welcome, open, and accepting of people who are not quit like ourselves.
 - Work to bring back non-active members and work not to lose the members we now have, especially the younger couples.

Business Meeting

It was decided that all of the applicants for the Pastoral Council would be accepted. The new members are Nancy Hall, John Olenik, Nadine Sleasman, Karen Swift, Vivian Urdaneta, and Lisa VanDeVen (diTargiani). Closing prayer was said and meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

There was discussion around additionally getting a representative from St. Theresa's, our missionary parish. Father will contact Deacon Dan Boyd regarding this.

Franco Walls was thanked for his service as President of the group for the last 3 years. After discussion, it was decided that we should ask Glenn Allen to serve as our next President (NOTE 3/3: Father Tim reports that Glenn has accepted.) Joan Ferris, whose term is complete, has agreed to stay on for a while as recording secretary while not a member of the council. She will complete minutes for this meeting as well as a calendar for the upcoming year.

Franco will be coming back from time to time to report from the LCC (representatives of St. Clement's, St. Peter's, St. Joseph's, and St. Mary's). There will be a retreat for ALL pastoral councils the beginning of May. He will keep us posted.

Next meeting: **Monday, March 16** at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Joan Ferris