

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, January 25, 2016**

Present: Fr. George Blasick, Regina Gapczynski, Stephen Sleasman, Peg Mangano, Bernice McLellan, Mary Lou Casey, Nadine Sleasman, John Olenik, Vivian Urdaneta, Karen Swift, Nancy Hall, Lisa VanDeVen

Absent: Glenn Allen

Guests: Jack Macica, Walt Pazderski

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

This was the second of two discernment meetings during which our guests introduced themselves and discussed their interest in serving on the Pastoral Council.

*Walt Pazderski* discussed the Church's need to be relevant to its member and that we need to teach people that they are the church. He emphasized a desire to focus on the teens and their continued involvement with the parish and Church overall.

*Jack Macica* would like to inject everyone with "faith and patience."

A discussion followed regarding the different demographics of our membership and how to entice each group and even to unite them. Many people experience a time when they don't want to be involved and it is important to make coming back to the Church appealing. Many people are searching for "something" in their lives and often find it in the Church and perhaps that is a way to reach out to others.

At this point our guests were dismissed. A short discussion concluded with a unanimous vote to welcome Walt and Jack to the Pastoral Council, at which time they re-joined the group as official members.

**Ministry Fair (January 30-31)** – Nancy and Vivian asked Council members to sign up to be available for the fair after Mass, serving coffee and snacks and for general hospitality.

**Fr. George** spoke to the purpose of the Ministry Fair, saying that no one is off the hook from assisting the Church. His upcoming letter was in regard to such assistance, whether through active ministry or prayer or, even better, both.

Bernice requested that the Life Teen Parish banner be taken down, as we are no longer a Life Teen Parish.

Nancy suggested that we need 1-day and overnight retreats.

Special thanks to Regina and Mary Lou for their service to the Pastoral Council.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 7:30.

Next meeting: Monday, February 15, 2016

**Scheduling** – No update yet.

Father led us in a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.