

**St. Ann's Pastoral Council
Minutes of May 11, 2009**

Present: Rick Distasio, Jeannie Fleming, Mike Downes, Marianne Fike, Frank Duchesne, Andy Tracy, Margaret Young, Fathers Kelley and Darcy, and Deacons Bob Tracy, Jack Freebery, and Dennis Hayden

Absent: Deacon Ed Danko, George Meringolo, Gloria Webster, Jack Walsh, and Charlie McMullen

Guests: Mr. Joe Lane, Ms. Amy Mike, and Mr. Mark Record

Opening Prayer: Jeannie led the prayer, a scripture reading, a discussion of Lumen Gentium (Chapter IV) and a song.

Most Blessed Sacrament School: Principal of MBS, Amy Mike reported on the school's new programs. Pastors of representative parishes will meet every month. A pilot program to advance communication between the school and the cooperating parishes will be started in each parish as a satellite meeting place, with St. Ann's Parish being the first to do so. St. Ann's gift of Stations of the Cross are in the various hallways at MBS and are being used by teachers and students. As of now 30 children from our parish are enrolled at MBS. Ms. Mike introduced the principal who will succeed her. Mr. Mark Record, the new principal at MBS, talked positively about his soon to be new school. Formerly, he was principal at St. Francis de Sales School in Salisbury, Maryland. After the guests left Jeannie asked how the subsidies of our students are going. Our subsidy is \$2500 for each child from our parish who attends, and it will go up next year. Marianne said Parish and Family Life is going to publish a cookbook as a means of raising funds for the school.

Financial Report: A report prepared by Don Doyle was positive.

Christian Formation Report: Jeannie said we are up for recertification and hoped this will bring about more parish involvement.

Parish and Family Life Report: We may hold our fall picnic at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, perhaps at 2:30 PM on a Sunday, so the Hispanic Community will be able to attend. Margaret asked if the committee has made any effort to acquire grills, etc. Suggestions were made.

New Members of the Pastoral Council: In order to familiarize parishioners with the new members, it was suggested that each new member write up a little blurb about themselves for the bulletin before the next meeting. Next month they will appear at our last meeting for this year. Following that, there will be a summer orientation meeting.

Health Ministry: After a discussion as to the feasibility of a health ministry, a letter from a parishioner in favor of it was sent to the Social Concerns Committee.

New Business: George suggested we discuss tutoring Hispanic adults in the English language. Jeannie has talked to Sister Agnes about it and she said that the need exists. Jeannie has someone who is interested in teaching adults English in mind.

Next month: Read Chapter V of Lumen Gentium.

We closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Andy Tracy

