

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes from Jan. 14th, 2010

Attendees: Father Tiegs, Marvin Winkeler, Joan McDonough, Annette Wallace, Matt Dickey, Dean Strehle, Pete Froelicher, Andrew White, Tom Jorgensen, Sherry Solsky, and Gina Langel

Excused: Stacy Watson

Meeting Minutes for Oct. 29th, 2009 were approved

Item 1: Father Jim offered gratitude for the generous Christmas Collections. Also, the effort to register at U.S. Cellular to receive the donation for the school at St. Stephens is greatly appreciated.

Item 2: Matt Dickey - Report on the Ministerial Gathering

1. Time and date are set for Jan. 26th at 7 P.M.
2. Invitations and information have been sent via e-mail to the ministers. Formal follow up phone calls will be made by Pastoral Council members to ensure all ministerial groups will be represented at the gathering.
3. Initial meeting will take place in worship space. Father Jim, Marvin and Tom will preside over the meeting after initial prayer and music service.
4. Then small groups will break in the cafeteria in to which members will be randomly assigned via the handout/folder.
5. Each small group will discuss, record and report on 5 focus questions that will assist in the five year planning process for the 5 year plan for the 25th anniversary of St. Stephen's Parish
6. Commitment cards and meeting notes will be filled out and collected by council members.
7. The group will return to the worship space for the commissioning ceremony. Father Tiegs will distribute the commissioning pins.
8. Refreshments and fellowship in the cafeteria will conclude the gathering.

Item 3: Best Practices for Parishes – Tom Jorgensen - power point planning tool

1. Consider how the quality of ministries in seven dimensions of parish life impacts the effectiveness of the overall parish mission.
2. Reflect on best practices gathered from pastoral experience and ministry experts.
3. Assess parish strengths and weaknesses in the context of mission.
4. Identify Action Priorities for improvement