

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
October 5, 2011

Pastoral Council Members Present: Deb Snyder, Fr. Les Kish, Bill Steiner, Bill Neumayer, Ken Jacks, Fr. Julio, Sarah Schumaker, Marcia Ney, Denise Hammrich, Joyce Majure, Karen Edmundson
Members Absent: Carlene Skelton, Johanne Schmidt

❖ **Opening Prayer:**

Led by Bill Steiner

❖ **Approval of Minutes:**

Deb moved the council approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting. Bill Steiner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

❖ **Vacating Lourdes: Sarah**

Sarah updated the council on the areas of progress made in preparation for moving out of Our Lady of Lourdes. The next step is to start recruiting crews for the physical moving of items. Fr. Les and Sarah plan to go to the two storage sites and formulate storage plans.

A moving date of Friday, November 18th & Saturday, November 19th were targeted to vacate Our Lady of Lourdes. Bill Neumayer asked for and was given a review of the timeline for the move.

Deb suggested offering sleeping quarters to Family Promise after the final Mass has been celebrated and before the new owners take possession. Many aspects into what this would entail were debated. Joyce felt we should pursue the offer. Ken made a call to the Executive Director & Toni Kraut. They will discuss the possibility and get back to him with specifics. Ken will follow up to help determine if this is an option.

❖ **Bldg project:**

The diocese has hired a new finance officer and he was at their recent Finance Committee meeting. Larry Hellhake brought forward the previously identified issues All Saints was seeking clarification from the diocese on in regards to the building project.

- In response to the possibility of entering a "Phase II". They advised not proceeding for several reasons, just as the council had already decided after they had further explored this option.
- Due to the loss of revenue of 8 additional acres of planted crop on the building site during ground preparation work, there will not be a crop payment this year.
- The buyer for Our Lady of Lourdes has sought and been granted an extension on the closing date.

Fr. Les stated the building committee needs to be reactivated. It is unclear how it became idle, but it is time to reengage the committee. Too much of the council's time is being consumed by building decisions this committee can be working on. Contracts, negotiations, and the technical aspects of the project are most effectively handled by the building committee. Fr. Les, Bill Neumayer and the building committee chairs will schedule a meeting to bring everyone up to date.

❖ **Picture directory-Fr. Les & Sarah**

All committee work for the pictorial directory is completed. Fr. Les is working on a custom designed cover.

❖ **Follow up on the Catholic Social Action Workshop-Ken**

There were 15-18 representatives from all four sites at the workshop. They found there were already a lot of things in place in our parish. The presenter, Christine Smith, has a great appreciation in social justice areas and provided a worthwhile workshop.

The group was able to establish a focus and a mission statement. A follow up meeting is in place.

❖ **Final Celebration**

The final Mass and celebration at Our Lady of Lourdes was finalized for November 6, 2011 beginning with the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

❖ **School Report-Dense**

The A.C.T.I.O.N. Auction will be October 22, 2011 in the All Saints Gym. Admission is free and presold \$10.00 dinner tickets include two drinks.

❖ **Other Items**

Deb proposed a council retreat be reconsidered. In 2009 a retreat was planned but was not able to be held.

Fr. Les would like a guided retreat with prayer, rest and reflection. Marcia commented she thinks the council has a real unique role in a limited time and she would like to have a real vision and direction of how the council serves the people made clear. The consensus was to plan a two day, one night retreat with a spiritual and functional focus. All members present committed to attending. February 3 & 4 or 10 & 11, 2012 was identified as dates to pursue. Deb will work with Gail to begin looking at possible local retreat locations.

The council plans to hold council elections in April, 2012 and will wait until that time to fill the current vacancy on the council.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next bi-monthly meeting of the council will be held on October 19, 2011, beginning at 5:30pm in the social hall at Our Lady of Lourdes.

- ❖ **Closing Prayer**

The council closed their meeting with group prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Gail Estes*