

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Francis of Assisi
January 13, 2010

President Larry Harper opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30 P.M. Members attending were: Father Dan, Larry Harper, Tom Robben, Lori Dall, Lisa Strieker, Brian Beckmann, Diane Wellen, Steve AuBuchon, Doris Goesten Kors, Paul Litteken, Julia Stockmann, Dottie Burton, Frank Dall (Trustee) and Tom Huelsmann (Trustee).

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

The new Pastoral Council members, Doris Goesten Kors, Dottie Burton, Paul Litteken, and Julia Stockmann were introduced to the other members. The By-Laws were handed out to the new members.

The web page contest was discussed. It was decided that we should continue with the promo, having a new contest in the near future. Father will ask Michell Stockmann if it is possible to record the number of hits on the Pastoral Council website.

In old business, the Pastoral Council discussed the lighting of the Virgin Mary statue in the rectory yard. In a unanimous decision, it was decided that to light the statue any further would not enhance the church property, as the statue is currently well lit by a street light.

There will be a Cluster Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7:30 P.M. in the Heritage Room. Pastoral Council members are encouraged to welcome the Cluster Members to the meeting.

In new business, the Council elected new officers. The newly elected officers are as follows: President - Lori Dall
Vice-President - Paul Litteken
Secretary – Diane Wellen
Cluster Member – Julia Stockmann

Steve AuBuchon explained to new members the Pastoral Council Transition Plan. Beginning with the 2010 election, three members will be elected for a three year term. This will provide for a more experienced Council. Doris Goesten Kors, Paul Litteken, and Julia Stockmann have volunteered to serve an extra year on the Council to help this transition succeed.

Lori Dall recapped 2009 events for the new members and discussed the priorities for 2010. Priorities include creating a Pastoral Planning Tree, child identification kits, Unsung Hero Recognition, Welcome BBQ, and getting younger families involved with the parish.

It was suggested that we think of creating a Visitation Committee for following up with the new people who have moved to Aviston. This committee would make a visit several months after the Welcome Committee has welcomed them. Asking them to bring up offertory at Mass might be a way to welcome them and get them involved in our parish.

Lori Dall asked the Council to consider donating the first pew for the 4:00 P.M. Christmas Mass and the 9:30 A.M. Easter Mass to the Aviston Elementary Auction. After much consideration and discussion, the Council voted to not donate the pews to any auction.

Father Dan told the Council that some renovation is underway for the foyer and bell tower area. The paneling is being replaced with drywall and the ceiling will be raised. A chandelier will light up the foyer. These renovations are needed as moisture was being trapped in the area and causing damage.

The next meeting will be held on February 10, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Strieker, Secretary