

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
St. Francis of Assisi  
March 11, 2009

President Larry Harper opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:45 P.M. Members attending were: Father Dan, Steve AuBuchon, Larry Harper, Tom Robben, Lisa Strieker, Diane Wellen, Lori Dall, Brian Beckmann, Kevin Litteken, Tom Huelsmann (Trustee), Frank Dall (Trustee), and guest Joann Dall.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Joann Dall reported that the Dall Dairy Farm will host the annual Farm Blessing on April 16, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Bishop Braxton will bless farm machinery, seeds, and animals. Anyone who wishes, may bring animals or other items to be blessed. Drinks and refreshments will be provided after the blessing.

The FBI American Football Coaches Association National Child Identification kits were distributed after one of the 9:30 A.M. Masses last month. There are additional kits to be distributed, and another distribution date will be set up after Easter. Tom Robben suggested that more people may be interested if we set up outside of church instead of the gym.

The Pastoral Council further discussed the direction we need to take for becoming a stronger faith community. We need to be more open and accessible to the parishioners. The parishioners need to know who the Council members are. Peggy Litteken will take pictures of the members and they will be put on the website as well as in the back of church. Also suggested was to have a link on the website to contact the Pastoral Council. Larry Harper is checking with Techknow Solutions to see if this is possible.

Tom Robben and Diane Wellen are gathering information to plan a Welcome Mixer for new members of the parish. Our goal is for the Pastoral Council members, Finance Council members, members of other ministries, as well as the new parish members to gather to get acquainted.

President Larry Harper discussed some tips for making our meetings successful. We will use these strategies at upcoming meetings.

The next meeting will be held on April 8, at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Strieker, Secretary

