

**ST. JOHN CHURCH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**Parish Center, Room 202**

Agenda

Monday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2008

Time: 7pm

ATTENDEES: Fr. Raymond Borkowski; Uchenna Iloeje (Chairperson); Tom Butler (Vice Chairperson); Joanne Francis; Tony Gumkowski; Barbara O'Keefe; Mike Holcomb; Susan Sousa; Dan Ryan; Melissa Lawler; Patricia Sienna; Isiah Salafia; Emily Francis; Tracy Randazzo ; Mbiya Kapiamba; Patrick Dwyer

REGRETS: Fr. Mitchell Sawicki; Trish Salafia; Joanne Golden

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*Called in faith in Baptism, we, the members of the Parish family of St. John, Cromwell, unite in the celebration of the liturgy.*

*In joyful spirit, we give witness to our Roman Catholic faith through Perpetual Eucharist Adoration and through sharing in Christ's mission by proclaiming His word, building His community, and serving His people.*

*By working together we strive to make the presence and love of Jesus Christ known and felt by all.*

**GENERAL**

1. Opening prayer (Fr. Raymond)
2. Announcements/Remarks (Chairperson and All) - New members were welcomed to their first meeting of the parish pastoral council. New members are Patricia Sienna, Tracy Randazzo, Mbiya Kapiamba, Trish Salafia, Patrick Dwyer, and our new teen representatives are Isiah Salafia and Emily Francis
3. Approve minutes of last meeting (June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008)- This item was tabled until the next meeting.
4. Old Business
  - 4.1. Approve Update to Pastoral Council Guidelines - The Update of the Pastoral Council Guidelines to change the teen membership in Article III Section 2 was motioned by Dan Ryan and seconded by Tony Gumkowski. Change adopted.
  - 4.2. Update on new Faith In Action Ministry (Joanne Francis) – Joanne provided additional information about a family in need who is part of the St. John community. She will continue to communicate with the family as to where help is needed and is in communication with individuals who would like to help. She will also draft guidelines for this new ministry which will be discussed further.
  - 4.3. Review final list of ministry liaisons – Changes were made to distribute the responsibility more equally among parish council members.
5. New Business
  - 5.1. Day of reflection 2008 review and discussion of ideas
 

Item No. 1: A way to reach catholics who are not currently attending mass is to have a written invitation which can be given to them. The invitation could be put in the bulletins which every family can take home and share with someone they know who is currently a non-practicing catholic. Fr. Raymond suggested that the best time of year to do this is in the Lenten season.

Item No. 2: A suggestion was made to have additional meetings because some points are brought up but are they properly followed up at the council meetings. It was agreed when a matter comes up that needs

2008-2009 Meeting dates

September 15, 2008	November 17 <sup>th</sup> 2008	January 26 <sup>th</sup> 2009	March 16 <sup>th</sup> 2009	May 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009	September 5 <sup>th</sup> 2009
Regular Meeting	Regular Meeting	Regular Meeting	Nominating committee for new pastoral council members	Regular Meeting	Day of Reflection 2008-2009 pastoral council

follow-up, it will be noted in the section of the agenda labeled Key Action Items. This will prompt follow up discussion and conclusion to the matter.

Item No. 3: It was discussed to have the Marriage Encounters group come to speak at the beginning of mass in the near future. Mike Holcomb will coordinate this guest speaker with Fr. Raymond.

Item No. 4: The two teen representatives will meet with the Uche and Tom Butler to formulate ideas for the news letter.

Item No. 5: Uche will contact Dotty King, Rosemary Matus, and Joanne Golden about guidelines for a Women's Guild.

5.2. **Date of official 2008-2009 Pastoral Council Picture November 17 2008**

5.3. 2009 lenten revival event, call for suggestions: Anyone with ideas for this annual event should contact Uche or Fr. Raymond.

6. Ministry liaison updates

6.1. Life Teen mass will begin October 5<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Butler and Melissa Sidel are the coordinators. The music group is in need of a keyboard player.

6.2. Baptism: A letter was sent to families who receive the mailings for this ministry asking if they find the mailing helpful and useful. The parish received very few responses so it was discussed that follow up phone calls may be a better idea in reaching people.

6.3. Pre-School and Toddler: Pre-school will be starting October 19<sup>th</sup>.

6.4. CCD: We are still in need of teachers for grades 5-9.

6.5. Eucharistic Ministers: Eucharistic ministers are needed for the Cromwell Health.

6.6. Traditional Choir: Now that we do not have a contemporary choir, the traditional choir will sometimes sing at the 9:30 mass instead of the 11:30 mass.

6.7. Outreach: The response to the "red alert" from Amazing Grace for our monthly pasta and pasta sauce collection was overwhelming. In August, 131 backpacks were collected for the children under the care of the Department of Families. The Outreach Program will continue to provide volunteers to prepare and serve food on Saturday for two weekends a month.

7. Teen update

**REPORTS**

8. Parochial Vicar Report

9. Pastor's Report: Fr. Raymond discussed recent repairs at the church including work done on the side to improve handicap accessibility and repairs to the parking lot pavement. In addition, he reviewed the annual financial statement with the council.

10. Closing prayer (Chairperson)

**KEY ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

New ministry: Parish in Action will be discussed further.