

MBS Pastoral Council Minutes

Date: December 09, 2011

Subject: Meeting Minutes from Monday, November 28, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne Mosley; Vincent Williams; **Staff:** Monique Borum, Gretchen Eugere, Deacon Fred Toca, and Fr. Bruce Wilkinson (Pastor).

NOT PRESENT: Kevin Mosby, Rich Taylor, Kathy Darville (excused); Rosalyn Hamm-Hall, Sue Williams, Rowland Welsh and Preston Firmin..

I. The Meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. with prayer lead by Fr. Bruce.

II. TODAY'S ROUTINE BUSINESS:

A. Need for more parish witness to those in need. What should we consider doing?

Fr. Bruce introduced the subject of the parish's witness to those in need, especially parish members. Because of the economy many people have contacted the parish in need of support, both financial and spiritual. While the parish does not have a ministry to address real financial needs, Fr. Bruce felt the parish did lack a real response to those who were in need of basic needs, food and support. What should our parish be doing to address this need within our community?

Conversation began about the use of the gift cards that had been collected in past years during the Christmas season. Fr. Bruce mentioned that he quickly ran out of those after the holiday season last year, but that he had been buy new cards from money received in donations. The question was asked about St. Vincent de Paul Society. Fr. Bruce mentioned that we do not have that organization at our parish because of the structure needed to maintain a St. Vincent de Paul parish group. The general feeling by those present was that the gift cards were a good start but that a different plan needed to be put in place. Various comments were made about what kind of program would need to be offered, and how would it be financed.

Fr. Bruce suggested that we have a parish wide meeting to discuss this issue of our parish's witness to the needy and hungry. This meeting would be planned for sometime in 2012.

B. New program of evangelization by our parish (as asked by Pope Benedict XVI)

Fr. Bruce gave a very brief report that the parish would be engaging in a new evangelization initiative, beginning in December 2011. The parish's effort would be entitled "Word on Fire" and target getting

members, especially first male members, more engaged into the Catholic faith.

C. YOUTH CENTER UPDATE: There will be an open house for the parish's new Youth Center, to allow members to have a tour of the facility.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FOR CHURCH CALENDAR: No new items were placed on the master calendar. For more information see the master calendar on line at www.mbschurch.com.

B. CALL OF THE COUNCIL: No member had any item to discuss.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

No information was distributed.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:05 p.m.

The Next Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting is Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The established 2nd Sunday Fellowship Hosting Calendar will be as follows every year: **OCTOBER** - USHERS; **NOVEMBER** - YOUTH MINISTRY; **DECEMBER** - MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION; **JANUARY** - MUSIC MINISTRY; **FEBRUARY** - LECTORS; **MARCH** - SHARING IN SISTERHOOD; **MAY** - MEN'S CLUB. The months of August and April were left open to assign at a later date. On the other Sundays of the month: 1st Sundays - Social Committee; 3rd Sundays of the month: KPC Unit 376; Last Sunday of the month - New Member Welcome Committee.