

Pastoral Council Meeting

October 2, 2012

7:00 pm - Parish Center

Attendees: Father Bill Stockelman, Mark Zurlinden, Jim Sperry, Donna Thompson, Paul Justice, Tim Geers, Bev Barnes

Absent: Charlie Quehl

Guests: Dave Meyer, Jeanie Stephens, Marge Kellerman

Faith Formation: Donna Thompson

Meeting Minutes: September minutes were approved and will be sent to Sylvia for website publication.

Deacon Dave Meyer - Ordained in 2007. Unassigned as of right now and Dave is interested in becoming assigned to St. Bernadette. Dave is an Environmental Engineer by trade. Dave has experience with parish situations whereby sharing priests is a reality. He explained that change is best handled through little steps. He believes that changing the church is best done the way Jesus did it....be with the people and for the people. He believes that women should have a bigger role in our Catholic church - however he is not quite sure what that role should be. Dave was comfortable with a 3 nights per week commitment to St. Bernadette, but also stated that would be dependent on the need. Further discussions will occur to help both Dave and St. Bernadette understand if this is a good fit.

Helping the Homeless: In November of last year, it became apparent that there were many more homeless in the immediate Amelia area than once thought. A group of various denominational churches (9) have gotten together to form a coalition to help these people: ACTS -- All Churches Together Serving. The group has obtained a building in Amelia to provide the homeless an overnight shelter. They need a letter of recommendation from Father Bill to take to other churches. While members of St. Bernadette Parish have been intricately involved in this mission, this shelter is not to be deemed as a St. Bernadette mission, just one that parishioners at St. Bernadette would have an opportunity to support. The goal of ACTS is to have a safe and warm place for people to sleep before the weather turns cold.

School Report: No report was given.

Pastoral Council Elections: Elections are the 13th and 14th and 4 candidates are running for the on available position. Ballots will be handed to people as they come in to church. Council member should announce voting before Mass starts.

Pastor's Corner: Fr. Bill is leaving for the Holy Land on the 6th. Visiting priests are scheduled to preside. One of the visiting priests is from Food for the Poor. He will not have a second collection, but there will be envelopes for people to contribute.

Next Meeting: November 6th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center

Faith Formation: Bev Barnes