

SANTA ROSA DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008, CHANCERY
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bishop Walsh, Lou Bull, Steve Ericson, Don Ferguson, Bob Leet, Kathy Sennello (Acting Secretary), Kevin Connolly (Northern Deanery), and Len Marabella (Northern Deanery)

Invocation: Bob Leet

Agenda: Approved

Minutes of the Meeting of May 3, 2008 approved as corrected—change \$65 to \$65,000 under Bishop's report.

REPORTS:

1. Bishop Walsh:

- a. Believes the alleged Lakeport abuse case to be fraudulent.
- b. Another case dating to 1995 is currently in mediation. Some insurance coverage exists.
- c. The Finance Committee approved a budget of \$2,500 for the DPC.
- d. The clergy personnel board has met and approved some changes of assignments.
- e. Fr. Abel Mena, in Rome to study Canon Law, may finish in 2 years rather than 3.

2. Sonoma North Deanery:

- a. Kevin Connolly formed a communication group to suggest improvements to the North Coast Catholic. He distributed copies of a magazine format which would include national as well as local news. Other areas using this format have a high degree of satisfaction. The additional cost for 6 magazines versus 4 newsletters would be \$38,000.
- b. Len Marabella reported that the deanery passed a motion to form a task force to study the feasibility of pastoral ministers to address the priest shortage.. Details below under New Business.

3. Chair:

Bob has not had much response to his letters to the deanery chairs. Kathy mentioned that Nora John had distributed the letter to all Sonoma South representatives. Bob asked that all parish representatives ask their pastors for full representation on the DPC.

Bob did have a response from Fr. Heinz of Sebastopol requesting more information on the DPC.

Treasurer: Written report

Executive Secretary was on vacation.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bob announced an interactive online presentation of the Paulist Evangelization Program led by Bishop Sam Jacobs September 16-18. Cost is \$100 per person and is accessed at PNCEA.net.
2. Steve suggested putting the Pettingill address on the blogsite. Bob will investigate duplicating the speech.
3. Steve's blogsite address is DPCEXECBLOGSITE.com
4. Don Ferguson purchased ½ case of wine for \$78 as a thank you gift to Joe Tonkovich.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Len explained the issues the task force would study on the pastoral minister issue. Bob will talk with anyone who wants to serve (545-7762). The Bishop doesn't want people trained for the job and not have positions for them. One problem is that the parishes who need a pastoral minister the most are the least likely to be able to afford them.
2. Motion/second Don/Steve to reimburse Yvette Fallandy for expenses incurred for the website was unanimously approved.
3. Don suggested adding website expenses to the budget.
4. M/s Kathy/Steve to postpone election of officers until the September meeting was approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be Saturday, September 6, 2008, 9-12 at the Chancery.

Bob led the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Sennello
Acting Secretary