

SANTA ROSA DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Minutes, Meeting, Saturday, November 8, 2008, St Eugene Cathedral

Present: Lou Bull, Treasurer (H/DN), Pat Bull (H/DN), Steve Ericson, Vice Chair (N), Yvette Fallandy, Ex. Sec., Bob Leet, Chair (SN), Julie Parnow (SS), Mike Wall (SN). Guests from SS: Kathy Cherrstrom, Declan Cunniff, Nora John, Chair SS; Sr Frances Kearney, OSU; Mac McCaffry, Nancy Murray.

Call to Order (9:10 AM), Amenities, Invocation (Bob L.)

1. Approval of the Agenda as augmented*
2. Approval of Minutes, September 6, 2008* and Reception of Memorandum to the Record, October 4, 2008.*
3. Reports.
 - 3.1. Minutes* from recent H/DN and SN meetings were distributed in lieu of oral reports.
 - 3.2. Nora John reviewed briefly SS's decision to attend the Ex. Bd Meeting.
 - 3.3. Bob Leet reported on . . . [forthcoming].
4. Discussion of the Status of the DPC.
 - 4.1. Pat Bull reported on H/DN's recommendations for the DPC:
 - 4.1.1. DPC Communication among the Parishes is valid and sufficient justification for its existence. The DPC should continue without regard to other activities or lack thereof.
 - 4.1.2. The Plenary Session is the highlight of the year, but needs be complemented by a follow-up debriefing from the Ex. Bd.
 - 4.1.3. The Ex. Bd should schedule fewer meetings and use Committees and e-mail in the interim.
 - 4.1.4. If the Bishop can not attend an Ex. Bd meeting, he should send a surrogate, or the meeting should be canceled.
 - 4.1.5. The Bishop should be afforded more time at the Plenary Sessions to answer questions presented to him prior to the meeting.
 - 4.2. Mike: "If I understand Pat, the DPC reports on what's happening [in Parishes and the Diocese], and need not address the future."
 - 4.3. Lou: "We have to recognize that some Pastors do not want the DPC."
 - 4.4. Kathy: "The DPC is here to keep an eye on things so that they don't get out hand."
 - 4.5. Lou: "The original reason for the DPC was to address the scandals. Now it has a new role."
 - 4.6. Declan: "We should have mutual representation on the Priests Council and the DPC, and the Bishop should attend both. We should emphasize inter-parish communication and activities."
 - 4.7. Nancy: "We initially excluded Priests because we were concerned that they might want to dominate a lay organization."
 - 4.8. Nora: "We need wider use of the DPC website."
 - 4.9. Mac: "I find nothing in the New Testament about financial reports from the Bishop. I would like to know more about what is going on in our Diocese, about its spiritual life, the number baptisms and marriages—not just our financial situation."
 - 4.10. Bob L.: "How do H/DN parish scheduled events get circulated?" Pat's reply: through H/DN minutes, Phil Minor's *Newsletter*, and our meetings.
 - 4.11. Concerning the scheduling of deanery meetings:
 - Bob: "Priests will not attend Saturday meetings because they are too busy with parish matters."
 - Lou: "We changed our [H/DN] meetings to Thursday evening so Priests could attend, but none did, so we went back to Saturday."
5. The Future of the DPC.
 - 5.1. Mike proposed a survey of parishes to boost moral and highlight what is positive in parishes by asking 'people in the pews' (PIPS) 'What I am most proud of in my Parish.'
 - 5.2. Steve: "We have a lot of tools, but we need a contractor to use the tools for an objective We need a standardized form for all PIPS. . . then we could put out a report . . ."
 - 5.3. Julie: "But what is our objective . . . why are we doing this?"
 - 5.4. Bob: "The DPC would be a clearing house for parish happenings . . . Deaneries must assume their responsibility [for the survey]."
 - 5.5. Mac emphasized that we must use the website.

- 5.6. Nora: "We can use e-mail to get out the word . . . We have to get this right!"
- 5.7. Mike: "We need to emphasize ecumenical, community-wide activities . . ."
- 5.8. MOTION, Mike: *"I move that the DPC Executive Board survey the PIPS in all our parishes by requesting that they fill out a form that states, "What I am most proud of in my Parish."* Second: Steve. Adopted unanimously. Mike observed that the survey will serve two purposes: 1) Engage the DPC in an *active* service to the Diocese and 2) raise the morale of PIPS.
- 5.8.1. Nora: "Our parishes are going through a cultural evolution . . . a change in populations . . . this [project] will be a unifying element among our parishes."
- 5.8.2. Declan: "This is a way of activating evangelization . . ."
- 5.8.2. Bob noted that the forms will have to be in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.
- 5.8.3. Nancy: "This is good . . . it goes to the roots [of the DPC]."
- 5.8.4. Yvette requested that a Task Force be organized to execute the project. The following volunteered: Bob, Chair; Declan, Nora, Julie, Mike; Yvette ex officio as Ex. Bd Ex. Sec.
- 5.8.5. Yvette outlined some of the necessary activities to enable the project. She will organize the Task Force asap:
- A statement of the rationale for the survey.
 - A form to be filled out by PIPS.
 - Parish Bulletin Announcement
 - NCC Contact
 - Establish contact persons for the distribution and collection of the forms.
 - Letters of explanation and requesting the assistance of Pastors, Parish Administrators/Managers/Secretaries, Parish Council Chairs, DPC Representatives.
6. Other matters considered:
- 6.1. Bob proposed a "Catholic Trivia Pursuit" game to be published in parish bulletins/website as a vehicle of making Catholics aware of aspects of their faith.
- 6.2. Nora proposed that Celebrants entertain questions from the faithful at the conclusion of Mass.
- 6.3. Yvette requested that the Bruce Poma's (St Mary of the Angels) request to make available the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association (PNCEA) to DPC Representatives be honored by making a link on the DPC website.
- 6.4. Yvette proposed that the Ex. Bd propose to Starcross that its website be made link on the DPC website.
- 6.5. Lou and Pat requested that Ex. Bd calendar 2009-2010 be placed on the meeting's agenda.
- 6.6. Reviewed the Executive Secretary position and decided that it should continue by mutual consent until June 2009 when it would again be reviewed.
7. Next Meeting: Saturday, January 10, 2009, 9AM-12N, St Eugene Cathedral Parish Life Center.
8. Adjournment: 11:45AM.

* Copies attached to archival copy of these Minutes.