

SANTA ROSA DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 9, 2010, ST EUGENE CATHEDRAL

1. Present: Mel Amato (St John H, SN), Steve Ericson St Helena, N), Len Marabella (St Rose, SN), Julie Parnow (St James, SS), Tony Sacramento (St Elizabeth Seton, SS), Mike Wall, Presiding (St Eugene, SN)
2. Agenda: Approved as submitted.
3. Minutes of November 14, 2009: Approved as submitted.
4. Reports:
 - 4.1. Bishop Walsh:
 - Three candidates will be ordained to the Priesthood May 22, 2010.
 - Four seminarians continue to prepare for the Priesthood.
 - 41% of Laity attending Sunday Mass is Hispanic, and a significant number is Vietnamese.
 - The Diocese has sufficient funds for a new class of Deacons.
 - (A discussion ensued concerning local and non-local Deacons.)
 - When asked his opinion on the dramatic reduction in numbers of seminarians, he responded that in his opinion wealth and marriage are the causes.
 - The Annual Ministry Appeal will be launched in January-February 2010. Parishes will not be assigned a goal. Diocesan Staff will be available to speak at Parishes. Historically only 5000 Laymen/women participate in the Appeal.
 - 4.2. Mike Wall, SN:
 - SN at its November Meeting discussed Communications and Unity in a Multi-ethnic Church.
 - Bishop Walsh observed that the Diocesan Youth Ministry is working to generate appreciation of Anglo and Hispanic cultures.
 - St John and Resurrection Committees will meet with on Anglo/Hispanic Relations.
 - 4.3. Julie Parnow, SS:
 - SS has established Adult Education and Social Justice Committees.
 - 34 Laymen/women contributed \$50 each to the Petaluma COTS Program for the homeless.
5. Old Business.
 - 5.1. Communications: deferred.
 - 5.2. Plenary Session Program:
 - Proposed: Reports on the Communications Project by B. Connolly, K. Connolly, D. Frontczak.
 - Proposed: a Report on the Deacon Program.
 - Proposed: Speakers: Stan Cordero, Dir. Diocesan Youth Ministry; Fr. Bernard Bush, Deacon; Jim Carr.
 - Mel Amato reported that Fred Furth is not available for the Plenary.
 - Proposed intra-Deanery meetings after the talks.
 - 5.3. Strategic Planning:
 - Mel Amato defined S. P. as "Vision, Mission and Process." He is seeking a book that revises the Parish Pastoral Council. The S. P. Process is based on mechanics that must be focused on a plan. A S. P. Planning Sub-committee will meet the week of January 11 to discuss long- and short-range goals.
6. New Business.
 - A "Brain Storming" Session on the Plenary was proposed.
 - Len Marabella was gratified by his presentation of the Lay Pastoral Director Program at the Sonoma South Priests Deanery Meeting.
 - Proposed: Strategic Planning Goals be placed on a future Executive Board Meeting Agenda.
7. Next Meeting. April 10, 2010.
8. Benediction: Bishop Walsh.
9. Adjournment. 11:45 AM.