

**DRAFT ONLY - DPC – Minutes- October 25, 2008**

<b>SONOMA NORTH DEANERY – DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL – 2008-10-25 - MINUTES</b>			
<b>Members Present</b>	Mel Amato, Helen Chapman, Brian Connolly, Kevin Connolly, John Gnam, Bob Leet, Len Marabella, Tom McCarthy, Evelyn McFaddin, Ray Pregent, Ella Rozzet, Mike Wall		
<b>Member Absent</b>	Stella Agudelo, Jim Curtin (with family back east until January), Rick Norman		
<b>1. OPENING</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>
<b>a. Call to Order</b>	Call to Order	Called 9:03 AM	Mike Wall - Chair
<b>b. Opening Prayer</b>	Opening Prayers delivered by host parish: St. Phillips	Opening prayer delivered.	Ella Rozzet
<b>c. Approval of Minutes</b>	September 27, 2008 minutes reviewed	Approved	All
<b>d. Approval of Agenda</b>	October 25, 2008 agenda reviewed	Approved	All
<b>e. Public Comment</b>	No comment	No public comment	None
<b>2. CONTINUING BUSINESS</b>			
<b>a. Report: Pastoral Director Sub-committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal to have plan presented to Bishop by 1/31/09</li> <li>• Format to be more conceptual – principles and key concepts only, slides vs. book</li> <li>• Collaboration with informal advisory board, Priest’s Council, and laity planned</li> <li>• Three aspects of position                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leadership – creating vision with parish council</li> <li>○ Ecclesial – ministry</li> <li>○ Administrative – nuts and bolts running of parish</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Training and Development                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local options available</li> <li>○ “Pastoral Associate” as training position</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting Authority?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canon law requires pastor in charge</li> <li>○ Pastoral Council will have authority also</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Different organizational models for different parishes</li> <li>• Precedent for this sort of position in many parishes</li> </ul>		Len Marabella, Chair, Brian Connolly

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<p><b>a. Report: Pastoral Director Sub-committee (continued)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To be researched as part of project</li> <li>• Funding for compensation of Pastoral Directors             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Absence of priests frees up funds for Pastoral Associates. Have to pay priests anyway</li> <li>○ Part of larger issue of funding parishes and diocese priorities in coming years e.g. closing or “clustering” parishes with no priests</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Position of Pastoral Director part of larger challenge of diocese reorganization</li> <li>• Possible resistance of some pastors to this position, when it is filled in conjunction with a priest still present in the parish.</li> <li>• Bishop cites challenges of funding</li> </ul>		
<p><b>b. Report: Communication Sub-committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No subcommittee meetings since last DPC</li> <li>• Intention is to have joint meeting with diocese communications committee with Diedre</li> <li>• Goal to have project goals and objectives by next meeting</li> <li>• General agreement of necessity for DPC and subcommittees to establish and adhere to timely goals</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be imminent need for established communication channels as diocese rolls out Pastoral Directors and diocese reorganization</li> <li>• Internet based communications offer lower cost and reach benefits over traditional print vehicles such as North Coast Catholic and considered print alternatives</li> <li>• Recent surveys estimate that 73% of US households have Internet access</li> <li>• Many older parishioners and some parishes have no Internet access</li> </ul>		<p>Kevin Connolly, Chair Brian Connolly</p>
<p><b>c. Report: Seminarian Funding Sub-committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting of sub-committee yet</li> <li>• Second collection already collected</li> <li>• Bishop’s letter soliciting contributions sent</li> <li>• Understanding that money raised stays in diocese</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ella Rozzett letter to St. Phillip’s parish             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parish participation in DPC is low because some feel that DPC doesn’t have much to show. It has taken a long time to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Mel Amato Chair John Gnam</p>

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	<p>practice a spirit of collegiality with the bishop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Compromise offered: if DPC sends a letter asking for financial support for seminarians that letter could also ask for money pledged to development of lay ministers, for those who don't want to support an exclusive priesthood.</li> <li>○ Importance of role and voice of laity in determining direction of the church</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing needs of church and membership requires changing models of leadership             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Models, roles, and positions will evolve</li> <li>○ Requires engagement from all stakeholders in Church</li> <li>○ Evolution still must respect Canon Law</li> <li>○ Significant conservative movement in seminary training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Expanding role of deacons an option, though required training extended to five years</li> <li>• Bishop defers to Father Diaz re: seminarian recruitment</li> <li>• Could be a DPC goal to find and propose new funding approach for seminarians             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (Tom McCarthy to discuss Cunneen fundraising program in future DPC meetings. To present to Resurrection after New Year.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>3. NEW BUSINESS:</b>			
<b>a. DPC Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Importance of discipline of setting goals for DPC             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concrete results creates credibility</li> <li>○ “What are we going to do in the next three months?”</li> <li>○ “Here are our four goals and this is where we are on them.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Possible DPC Goals             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pastoral Director</li> <li>○ Communications</li> <li>○ Evangelization – continue to discuss</li> <li>○ Seminarian Funding – continue to discuss</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DPC members have to be accountable to each other</li> <li>• Need for realistic number of goals and deliverable - focus</li> </ul>		All
<b>b. DPC Recording Secretary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Ott resigned effective last meeting. Brian Connolly to complete this term of Recording Secretary</li> <li>• Chair Mike Wall electing not to fill position of Corresponding</li> </ul>		All

