

**DRAFT Summary Minutes of
Sonoma North Deanery Meeting
June 28, 2008
St. John the Baptist – Healdsburg**

Guests Fr Walt Rogina

Parish Reports

Star of the Valley - Msgr. Keyes asked the parish to seek representatives for the DPC, and they are reviewing the bylaws for the Pastoral Council.

Holy Spirit - Fr. Bob is starting an evangelization committee. They are also discussing how Pastoral Ministries might take on administrative duties to help relieve the clergy.

St Rose - Town Hall meetings were held. Two subjects of special interest to parishioners were finances and possible restoration of the old church.

St John the Baptist - Summer Festival took place and the Latino community, and others, came together for this event.

Executive Committee Report

Bob Leet stated that the involvement of Len Marabella (Task Force to Address the Shortage of Priests) and Kevin Connolly (Diocesan Communications) is respected and well received by the Executive Committee.

Shortage of Priests

- **Motion: Len Marabella will be the Chairman of the Task Force to address the shortage of priests and to investigate of possibility of a Pastoral Minister Program. All approved.**
- Objectives of the Task Force are included in the minutes the previous meeting Mr. Marabella discussed ways and means to get this Task Force moving forward. He plans to report on formation of the Task Force team at the next meeting.
- It was stated that a “Diocesan policy is needed on professional training and salary of these ministers.”

Report on the Paulist Program

- This program on evangelization is recommended and is still available on the website www.pncea.org/

Report on Diversity in the Church Seminar

- Hispanic & Non-Hispanic - It takes time to accept diversity and to eventually integrate these two communities into a seamless fit. That should be the ultimate goal.
- It is the pastor who drives the integration for each parish.

Inclusion of the Mendocino/Lake County Deaneries

Motion: Invite residents of Mendocino to the North Deanery DPC meetings. All approved.

Representatives

- Michael Wall was elected new member to the Executive Board replacing Yvette Falandy
- Rick Norman is joining the North Deanery as a 2nd representative from St John the Baptist

- **Motion: A thank you to Colleen McMahon for her service and dedication to the DPC as Secretary for two (2) years. All approved.**

DPC Website

As Executive Secretary Yvette Fallandy will be the conduit for material to be posted by the new paid webmaster. It was agreed that information posted needs to be up to date and promptly posted. All minutes and the summaries will be posted once approved.

Report on Diocesan Communications

Kevin Connolly, Pat Babb, and Brian Connolly have formed a committee to improve diocesan communications. A magazine model is being considered, as well as other subjects including the diocese website. The group will meet again with Dierdre Frozcak.

Evangelization

- **Motion: Sonoma North Deanery to promote a bona fide Evangelization Program. This program will be led by John Gnam of St. Eugene's church. All approved.**
- John Gnam will spearhead a grassroots Evangelization Leadership Program. It should meet once a month, then break off to parishes to get to the parish level.

Seminarian Funding – North Coast Catholic Newsletter

- The NCCN stated that seminarians need financial assistance to attend school. Mel Amato asked the council to consider what the DPC can do to help this cause and suggested that the DPC play a role in “assisting” the Bishop with achieving this goal
- **Motion: That the chair appoint a task force to make recommendations as to how the DPC can assist our Bishop in that objective (financing of our seminarians). All approved.**
- Task Force: Mel Amato, Brian Connolly, John Gnam, and Mike Wall.

Next Meeting

Resurrection Parish, Santa Rosa, July 26, 2008 at 9:00am.