

# Pastoral Advisory Council of Saint Luke Church

Meeting Minutes from Tuesday June 9, 2009

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In Attendance: Msgr. Andy Varga, Jeff Ford (Chairman), Jean Fredricks, Mary Hanrahan, John Revay, Missey Moe-Cook, Bill Valieant, Paul Bowlin, Grace Shay, Ed Bagnulo

Not in Attendance: Sharon Carpenter, Katie Garvey, Steve Violette, Cathy Zappi

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- The meeting opened at 7:30 with Chairman Jeff Ford offering a prayer.
- An agenda was distributed. The Meeting Minutes from the May 12, 2009 PAC meeting were not available for review. Jeff asked for a motion to approve those minutes on line when they were available, and the motion was made, seconded, and approved.
- Jeff turned the meeting over to Msgr. Andy, asking him to provide the Pastor's Report.
  - Msgr: Had no updates. He introduced our guest, Fr. Reggie Norman. Fr. Reggie was recently ordained and is administrator of Blessed Sacrament Church in Bridgeport. (He cannot become Pastor until he has been ordained 5 years.) Msgr. was the homilist at his first Mass. Msgr. asked what we can do to rekindle our relationship with Blessed Sacrament.
  - Fr. Reggie: He renovated the rectory and is living there. He wants to make Blessed Sacrament financially sustaining. Gifts went from 25 to 180. The parish is made up of White, Spanish, and Black. Parish must work for accountability and gratitude. Blessed Sacrament and St. Luke can share with each other what each parish does well. Blessed Sacrament has a food pantry that each day serves 97 to 153 families. Fr. said there are 14 Catholic parishes in Bridgeport all struggling. Homelessness is increasing. He said summer camp is important for kids.
  - Msgr: What can "Gold coast" parishes do for the Inner City and what can Blessed Sacrament do for St. Luke?
  - Jeff:
    - Gospel music-Fr. Reggie said it would be easy to do.
    - Two youth groups working together.
    - Be reminded of all we have and what other people do not have.
    - Workshops for both parishes. Fr. Reggie wants to show us Bridgeport neighborhood.
    - Language is a big barrier.
  - Msgr:
    - Combine PAC meeting or a subset to work on something together.
    - Can Fr. Reggie come here for Mass and Msgr. or Fr. Fred go there? Make announcements in both parishes.
    - Pot Luck supper at Blessed Sacrament.
    - What can SLC youth group do with Blessed Sacrament youth group?
    - Parish picnic.
    - Blessed Sacrament comes to SLC coffee and vice versa.

- Do Confirmation at Blessed Sacrament.
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  - Msgr. & Jeff: What can we do for each other?
  - Jean: Musical shows.
  - Jeff: Get Deb Toner and Blessed Sacrament Youth Group leader together.
  - Jean: SLC comes up with a list and Blessed Sacrament comes up with a list.
  - Fr. Reggie: Have SLC join Kwanza Celebration-ethnic holiday.-?
  - Mary: Focus on things to do together. Examples: Christmas Fair, combine prayers for the sick.
  - Grace: Combine SLC and Blessed Sacrament youth choirs.
  - Missy: Must have the right public relations.
  - Ed: Start with things already happening. Don't create new
  - Msgr: Get representatives from each parish around a table. Ideal: How are we Catholics building God's Kingdom?
  - John R: Will people come to each other's picnics? Can we go somewhere in between? Have Fr. Reggie talk about his parish at SLC.
  - Paul: Have SLC go to Blessed Sacrament & vice versa.
  - Msgr: Blood bank, etc.-Invite Blessed Sacrament.
  - Missy: Ministries-Can we help each other?
  - Msgr: Eucharistic Ministers, etc.-Get both parishes together for night of prayer.
- At this point Fr. Reggie left.
- Parish Council Nominations
  - Parish Council nominations were passed out. There were ten adult nominations and five youth nominations. Jeff indicated the nominees who agreed to serve and then all members present voted by indicating their preferences by placing numbers from 1-10 next to the adult nominees and 1-5 next to the youth nominees. The ballots were collected and Jeff said he would tally them and give the results to Msgr. Andy who would announce the results- The seven new or returning members of the council-6 adult and 1 youth.
- Msgr. said there would be a cookout on July 14 to welcome new PAC members.
- The meeting was then adjourned.