

DATE: 22 FEBRUARY 2015  
RE: PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Ixon,  
Ed and Dianne Mills, Terry Beecroft, Gene Cote, Karen Bucyk, Carol Casey, MaryAnn Hefron, Jolene O'Brien, Jack Luz, Thea Gove.

There was no meeting in January due to the Pastoral Training on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was held at the Holy Family Parish Center.  
It started at 7pm with a general introduction of attendees and a short prayer provided by Dianne.

As co-chairperson, Dianne called the meeting to order and started reviewing the agenda for the meeting, as well as an overview of the Advent Season.

- There was positive feedback about having the overflow of parishioners from the Christmas Eve Mass viewing the mass in the function room in the lower church.
- Also, positive feedback about the Christmas Eve service held at the Beach Chapel.
- For next season, look into having greeters at the doors for all Christmas Masses.
- Also for next season, look into reaching out to other area parishes concerning the Blue Christmas Services.
- There was a good turnout for the St. Nicholas Event, and maybe having it more appropriate for all ages next year.

Dianne suggested hosting a family event that is more faith based.

Karen suggested getting the youth group back together for regular events.

Fr. Scott spoke about training for his staff members, which has been rescheduled due to weather.

Fr. Scott also spoke about the Disciple Maker Index and Survey that our parish has been asked to participate in. Some members have already completed it and Fr. Scott encouraged all those that haven't, to do so soon and to reach out to other parishioners to complete it as well.

Fr. Scott also gave us a list of upcoming events for the Easter Season:

- Wednesdays evenings from 6:00-6:30, each parish will have a prayer service, followed by confessions from 6:30-8:00 pm.
- Lenten Suppers and Speaker Series are from Feb. 20 thru March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Stations of the Cross are Friday mornings after the 9am Mass at Star of the Sea.
- The Heart of the Cross Passion Play will be Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7pm at Holy Family Parish.
- Star of the Sea is offering a 9am Prayer Service on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.
- Fr. Scott is checking into the Psalm Sunday Service that is usually held at the Amesbury Mill Yard.

Fr. Scott announced that the new website for the Living Water Collaborative would be ready by March 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. The new site allows for easier viewing and navigation.

Fr. Scott mentioned that he has signed up our parish to be part of the Anonymous Visitor Program.

Fr. Scott asked the members for feedback about the Question of the Week initiative. Many positive comments have been made about it. It has initiated conversation at dinner tables as well as friendly gatherings.

It was a group decision to provide refreshments prior to the start of each meeting.

Terry Beecroft volunteered to provide the refreshments for the meeting scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Holy Family Parish Center at 6pm.

Thea Gove will provide opening prayer and Jolene O'Brien will be providing the closing prayer.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm with a closing prayer provided by Dianne Mills.