

# Saint Theresa Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2009

The Parish Pastoral Council of Saint Theresa Parish met at the Church at 7:10 pm. Vice Chair Jane Materazzo, Pastor Father Brian Mahoney, Maggie Balaschak, Joe Carchidi, Stan Curran, Georgia Gojmerac-Leiner; Michelle LaBrecque, Brian McLaughlin, Catherine Olson, Jim Shanahan, Joan Vaccarino, Libby Yon and Chuck Yon attended the meeting.

Father Brian opened the meeting with a prayer. The Minutes for the October 19, 2009 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting were reviewed and approved. The topics discussed at the meeting were:

1. Flu Clinic: The Sherborn Board of Health has expressed an interest in holding a flu vaccination clinic at Saint Theresa. The Council discussed possible logistical and liability issues and supported the use of Saint Theresa as a site for the Board of Health flu clinic. Libby Yon was asked to work with the Sherborn Board of Health to make the Parish Center available for the Board of Health's clinic.
2. Pulse of the Parish: Several Council members recommended that the Parish work with Pilgrim Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church to re-institute the Christmas ecumenical services which used to be organized by the three churches. The services were held at each of the three churches on a rotating basis and were organized by the pastors and music directors. The Council enthusiastically supported re-instituting these services but noted that there is probably not enough time to organize an ecumenical service for this year. Several Council members have heard very positive reports about the music program and Chris Carson, our new Music Director.
3. Parish Survey: Father Brian provided and discussed an analysis of the Parish Survey results stratified by age, gender, residence and mass attended. Chuck Yon provided and discussed a summary of the narrative responses in the Survey including recurring comments and perceived strengths and weaknesses. The Council discussed Parishioners' comments about the religious education program, the shift towards family-based programs for students in Grades 1-5, homilies, the Capital Campaign, volunteers in the Parish and communications with Parishioners. The Survey indicates that while most Parishioners are satisfied or pleased with the Parish and the direction it is headed, some Parishioners are not satisfied and many Parishioners identified areas where they believe the Parish's programs or operations can be improved.
4. Ministry Fair: The Council had an extensive discussion about how to organize a Ministry Fair to let Parishioners know about volunteer opportunities and programs organized by the Parish. A one page summary used at St. Mary's Parish in Holliston was reviewed as a possible template. A postcard used by St. John the Evangelist Parish in Hopkinton for its

parishioners to volunteer was also reviewed. Georgia Gojmerac-Leine, Maggie Balaschak and Libby Yon volunteered to draft a one page summary of the volunteer opportunities and programs organized by the Parish.

5. Mass Schedules: Catherine Olson presented a draft of a short survey to identify whether Parishioners would like to change the schedule for weekend Masses and if so, when they would prefer to have Masses scheduled. After a discussion and some minor revisions, the survey was approved. Father Brian and the other Council members thanked Catherine for doing such a good job drafting and finalizing this survey.
6. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2010 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Yon