

MINUTES

St. Alice Catholic Church Pastoral Council Meeting
August 23, 2017
6 – 8:30 p.m.

Council Member Attendees	Fr. Mark Bentz, Peg Ries (Chair), Mike Whitney (Retiring Chair), Lisa Wasson, Jeanne Smith (Retiring Member), Angela Stout, Maria Vargas, Marvin Jarvis
Staff Member Attendees	Christine Beldner, Norma Oulette
Absent	Jesus Aguilar, Steve Deanda, Cornelio Garibay, Dave Haggard, Simon Manuel, Lourdes Mendez, Fernando Montes, Maria Morey, Maricela Ochoa, Gustavo Torres

1. Opening Prayer
2. Potluck Dinner
Photos by Roger Grinstead in Sanctuary.
3. Self introductions
Distribution of Council Binders
Review of Roster for corrections: Angela Stout provided corrected phone number; Jeanne Smith to be removed. ACTION: Peg Ries will update roster prior to next meeting.
4. Comments by Outgoing Chair, Mike Whitney, about his journey on the Pastoral Council. Mike was initially concerned about St. Alice acting as two parishes within one church, and because of this, his ultimate goal has been the achievement of unity. Mike praised Fr. Mark for inspiring the merger of the two Councils into one, and said that this action is the highlight of his eleven years on the Council. Mike commented that the job of the Pastoral Council is to advise the Pastor, bring up alternative opinions or ideas for discussion during meetings, and support the Pastor in the implementation of his final decisions
Fr. Mark thanked Mike for his service, and presented a gift from the Council.
5. Letter of Resignation by Council member Jeanne Smith
Jeanne Smith submitted a letter of resignation to the Pastoral Council. Though she has enjoyed her time as a member of the Council, she decided that it would be best to resign because she is also involved deeply with RCIA this year. She believes that it will be best to do one job well – RCIA – rather than dividing her attention between RCIA and Pastoral Council. She encouraged Council members to keep talking and listening to each other and parish members.
Fr. Mark thanked Jeanne for her service, and presented a gift from the Council.
6. Comments regarding merger of Pastoral Council and Comité Latino into one Pastoral Council – ACTION: Delayed to next meeting due to lack of quorum.
7. July Meeting Minutes Approved
8. Overview of proposed new method of reporting/info sharing between meetings – ACTION: Delayed to next meeting.

9. Recap of Strategic Vision Retreat on July 23 - ACTION: Delayed to next meeting.
Establishment of Sub-Committee to refine mission statement, submit to Council for adoption- ACTION: Delayed to next meeting.
10. Formation Session 1: Great Catholic Parishes - ACTION: First session delayed to next meeting.
Maria Vargas suggested that worksheets for the sessions be translated into Spanish;
Fr. Mark agreed that we should endeavor to translate worksheets prior to work sessions.
11. Next Meeting: September 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Conference Room
12. Announcements: Angela Stout provided information on a womens' study group, ENDOW. She is a group leader, and is willing to lead an additional group, if the Pastoral Council chooses to pursue a new group.
12. Closing Prayer and Adjournment.
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