

Meeting Minutes 11/20/2012
St Justin Martyr Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
Discernment Meeting

Those in attendance are as follows: Josh Alderete, Paul Vascik, Sonny Nguyen, Andrea Hernandez, Trung Nguyen, Miriam Montelongo, Leah Arnold , Fr. Paul, and Gracie Jones

Candidates in attendance: Hai Pham, Michael Amechi, Robert Ontko, Patrick Nguyen

- 1) The opening prayer was said.
- 2) The meeting was called to order and roll was taken
- 3) To start things off Josh explained the discernment process, the term of service, the number of members needed and the frequency of the meetings.
- 4) Next, Paul Vascik explained the purpose of the Pastoral Council from documents issued by the Diocese. He read several excerpts from the Diocesan handout he made available at the meeting. This handout is attached as Exhibit A.
- 5) Paul Vascik then went over the Pastoral Council Mission Statement. This is attached to the handout as Exhibit B.
- 6) Josh emphasized the importance of maintaining the positive relation the Council has with the Stewardship Committee as well as the Finance Committee.
- 7) Council members were invited to share why they serve on the council as a source of inspiration.
- 8) At this time each candidate was invited to respond to 3 questions: What is your vision for serving on the council; What needs do you see in the church; What talents do you bring to the table.
- 9) Fr. Paul did a review of the Pastoral Council mission/ministry and welcomed all the new members. He reported that one of the required committees, the Vocations Committee, is now a viable committee in our parish. He then noted that 2013 is the year of Faith and he would like the council to focus on that. He would also like the council to focus on cultivating the young adults in the parish. He felt these were the two most major matters facing the parish right now. He then gave an update on the mold remediation progress. The expected completion date is mid-December. It has not been fully decided yet as to how to pay for the project. Fund raisers and insurance claim are ideas being considered.
- 10) Josh encouraged all the new members to be active on the council. Paul V will become the Chair Person, Sonny will be the Vice-Chair and Leah will be the recorder for the next year. No meeting is scheduled for December. January 15, 2013 is the next meeting.

11)The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.