

## **Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting • Oct. 13, 2009**

### **Discussion Items**

**Feedback from Diane Fusco re: connecting new parishioners to ministries**

- **Per Diane: we might be pushing the issue too much during registration; this is causing people to sign up just to sign up; we might want to back off a bit and let people get comfortable first. – Perhaps follow up with new members after a number of months and then put the “ask” on them.**
- **We discussed & agreed with this feedback. Additional thoughts as follows:**
  - **Perhaps change our approach from one of “registration” to one of “welcoming”.**
  - **The website could be a tool to help with this; perhaps include stories / bios from parishioners so new members can make the connection; this wouldn’t be a directory – simply a way for people to understand the varied backgrounds of the parish membership.**
  - **After 1 year, perhaps we should follow up to get their general opinions on the parish. This could open discussion that leads to them signing up for a ministry.**
  - **We can’t overlook the personal touch. People respond to other people more than they respond to general requests for help.**

### **Mardi Gras Party Update**

- **After further considering the impact of Valentine’s Day and other events, we changed the date to Sunday, January 31st.**
- **We need to put the word out by Thanksgiving so people can save the date on their calendars.**
- **We need help to sell tickets and otherwise organize the event; the Young Adult group might be interested in that role.**

### **Next Scheduled Meeting Agenda**

- **Further discussion of how / when to approach new members for feedback and connection to ministries.**
- **We should review the new member presentation and package to see what adjustments might make sense based up our discussion.**

• **CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF MARDI GRAS PARTY PLANNING STEPS.**