

Santa Rosa Diocesan Pastoral Council Executive Board Minutes for May 5, 2007

1. Meeting began at 9:15 with readings from Imitation of Christ.
2. Agenda was approved by those present(Yvette Fallandy, Lou Bull, Bob Leet, Phil Minor & Donna West-Piezzi).
3. Minutes of 2/3/07 were approved with the correction of Dr. Deirdre Frontczak's name.

4. Reports

4.1 Bishop Walsh sent a letter thanking the board for their survey work on "The Laity's Views on S.R. Clergy Now & in the Future" and asking how this report could be made available throughout the Diocese.

4.2 Deanery Representative

a. Sonoma North - meeting 4-28-07; 10 participants held a general discussion about the "Evangelizing" plenary session and thought it was excellent in materials displayed and in presentation.

Concerns brought out included where and how to proceed. Bob Leet will continue to chair the project with the help of a sub-committee to formulate program for future discussion. This sub-committee (Pat Babb, John Gnam, Kevin Connelly, Bob Leet) want to know what's present working in each parish and possibly creating a program for one parish as a model.

Dates for meeting- May 26 - Holy Spirit (hall); June 30- St. Rose; July 28- Resurrection

Addendum: Resurrection's 3 Spanish language Masses are still crowded because of the community bond with Fr. Jose. Possible solutions for the overcrowding was discussed.

b. Sonoma South - meeting 2-10-07; 6 participants discussed each parish's activities and how to encourage participation in the Plenary session in March (carpooling, bulletin announcements, posters). St. Joseph's, St. Vincent's and St. James need deanery representatives.

See website www.santarosadpc.com <<http://www.santarosadpc.com/>> for particulars in minutes. Next meeting May 12, 2007 at St. Elizabeth Seton, Rohnert Park.

c. Humboldt-Del Norte - meeting 3-24- 07; 7 representatives agreed to be more active in distributing information and announcements concerning events for the Catholic community at large. DPC Plenary Session was well attended by at least 7 representatives attending. Sr. Pat Carson is still recovering from surgery. Next meeting- May 19, 2007 at St.Mary, Arcata.

4.3 Treasurer- \$250 spent for Plenary printed material. Negative Balance as of 06-01-07 email report -- (\$44.40). (?)

4.4. Chair Report- 1. Constitution translation will soon be finished. 2. Report to Bishop Walsh is ready in binder form for dispersal.

5-- Old Business

5.1 Review of Plenary Session, March 31 & follow-up (Bob Leet)

a. Discussion developed these key points - Plenary session only touched upon the basics. We need to be more encompassing. Collaborative lay participation is necessary to aid overburdened priests. A positive approach is necessary. Programs can be adapted to the needs of a particular parish/deanery.

Motion proposed, seconded and passed that Bob Leet chair the committee for the DPC Ex.Bd's Evangelization Project.

b. Follow-Up discussion -- next steps. Yvette suggested we send out a survey to deanery members entitled "Obstacles to Evangelizing" to be returned by Sept. 7, 2007. This survey will need to be translated into Spanish. A cover letter will need to go with this survey, also.

Motion proposed, seconded, and passed that the DPC Ex. Bd distribute hard copies of the Internet form of the "Obstacles to Evangelizing" questionnaire and a cover letter to the deanery representatives (translated into Spanish). The goal is to have response to questionnaire by 09-07-07.

5.2 Report to Bishop on Diminishing Clergy- Discussion ensued about how to disseminate the report to the deaneries and pastors. It was noted that all people mentioned in the acknowledgments; pastors; deanery representative chairs; and those parishes not represented in each deanery should get a copy- (an estimate of about 100 copies). Yvette will review the deanery rosters to determine the number. DPC Ex. Bd hopes that Bishop Walsh will continue to pursue options mentioned in the report.

5.3. Plans for a fall meeting in Humboldt/DelNorte Deanery - (Eureka) Discussion revolved around a time frame, date, schedule and program. Items to consider: motel costs, travel time (about 4 hrs); dates TBD probably end of Sept. or early Oct.

5.4. Website- Joe Tonkovitch wants Ex.Bd to submit "draft minute" to website with changes to be forwarded. Group suggested a one page summary of meeting highlighting deanery discussions in lieu of minutes with "official minutes" to follow.

It was decided that this would be the new policy. The DPC Ex Bd. and each deanery will submit a one page summary of its meetings business/discussion as soon as possible to the website master. Motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business

6.1. DPC Ex. Bd encourages all lay members to attend the "First Annual Northern Calif. Lay Convocation", Saturday, June 2, 2007 in San Francisco at the Cathedral of St. Mary.

6.2. Elections for 07-08 Discussion and questions about do we need/want a set of procedures/ nomination. Everyone was encouraged to be a part of board leadership. New members need to be at the June 9, 2007 meeting.

7. Meeting ended with readings from Imitation of Christ.

Respectfully submitted, Donna West-Piezzi, Recording Secretary