

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY JANUARY 17, 2013
6:30 PM

Attendance: Fr. Ed Koharchik, Geoff Unger, Dot DeWitte, Suzanne Pacheco, Ray Blancarte, Johnny Martinez, Walt Graner, and Glenn Rosilier (Finance Council representative)

Prayer: Second Vatican Council Opening Prayer

New members greeted, introductions all around

What is Pastoral Council?

- Definitions explained, as well as diocesan policy, and particular norms of St. Martin de Porres parish.
- Emphasis on council as consultative body, advisory group to pastor.

Parish Concerns:

- Observations:
 - Walt sees potential for SmdP to be “beacon of faith in Hill Country.” Need to expand outreach to children and young adults; improve and grow infrastructure for meetings. He regards K of C as good role models. “What we have is awesome; what we need is more of it.”
 - Ray would like to see more parishioners involved, beyond the core group that does everything.
 - Glenn sees need for outreach to those people who don't come to church regularly, to inform them of activities.
 - Johnny would like to come up with different events to accommodate various interest groups; no single event is going to appeal to everyone.
- Changes in staff were explained.
- Reasons for closing preschool were outlined.

Closing Prayer:

- Offered by Fr. Ed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.
- Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot DeWitte