

**Meeting Minutes, Cluster 5 Pastoral & Financial Councils
December 20, 2011; 6pm to 7:30pm; St. Peter's Parish Center**

Attendees

Ex-officio: Deacon Danny Watson *Financial:* Betty Elwell, Steve Fraser, Nancy Moscone, Mike Rioux, Anna Robinson, Kitty St. John, Deanna Shepherd *Pastoral:* Janet DeGraw, Brenda Hews, Judy Pelletier, Christine Whitmer *Absent:* Charleen Rossignol, Barbara Snowman, Joanne Farmer; excused: Barbara Waters; four vacancies remain

Agenda Summary

- Approve the Nov. 15th minutes
- Vote to send Novenas of Masses to Fr. Joel, Bishop Malones (& Deacon Watson & Brenda)
- Discuss Mass time/location changes per a request from some St. Benedict's parishioners
- Work on details of project to research why people no longer come to Church.
- Creation of a compelling vision statement – how do we proceed to do this? *Not discussed.*
- Filling council and commission positions – how can we help? *Not discussed.*

Thank you

To Nancy Moscone and Christine Whitmer for bringing the delightful Christmas goodies.

Decisions

- Nov. 15th minutes were approved.
- The Novenas of Masses were to be signed, "From all of us at Cluster 5." They were mailed.
- Discussion of changing the Mass time for St. Benedict's to 8 A.M. and St. Martin's to 11 A.M. was tabled with only a decision that the matter can be brought up again, and straw-polls taken of the parishes if desired.
- In response to an item raised from the floor, the council approved having worship sites informally ask for donors for more Breaking Bread missals for the Masses. Donations were collected at the meeting.
- Re: working on concrete plans to research and reach-out:
 - Suggestion was made and approved without a formal vote to get, from St. Peter's office, a copy of the questionnaire that was sent out to parishioners a few years ago and to use questions from it in the research project.
 - Relative to evangelization/research, we will:
 - Work through the Church Life commissions to recruit participants
 - Make pulpit and bulletin announcements about the project
 - Consider every parishioner as a candidate to reach out to others
 - Remind all parishioners to reach out in their local communities
 - Use an anonymous questionnaire as one tool
 - Set up activities, such as discussion groups, by age group, as another tool
 - Actively reach out to others at the Christmas Masses
 - Work with Worship & Spirituality Commissions on training for greeters
 - Be aware of the Catholics Come Home TV campaign
 - Say a Memorare before every Sunday Mass for the intention of bringing our brethren back to Church

Action Items : The decisions made are action items, but no specific people were designated to carry out or monitor the decisions.

Financial and Pastoral Council Meeting Groups: These groups had only 20 minutes to meet; Pastoral did not have a quorum (5 members). Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.