



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes January 26, 2010

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Jim Currey, Patricia Eley, Mark Hanks, Tony Kapkowski, Tara Kenyon, Claudia McIvor, Mary Naughton, Juan Ocano, George Pioli, Ann Whitlock
Members Excused: Martha Briggs, Michelle Klima

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:03 PM with prayer led by Claudia McIvor. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for January 31 led by Tara Kenyon.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the October 27th meeting were accepted as written.

Liaison Committee Reports

Finance Council – Chio Ocano reported that they have met twice since our last meeting. In November the loan was approved that will allow us to start the renovations of the church. It is a line of credit at a fixed rate of 4.2% for 3 years, and is an interest-only arrangement. At the December meeting, concerns were raised about our collections being low, but we are now back on track. The Finance Council is meeting tonight.

S.A.C. – Written reports for November and January.

FFAC – Tara Kenyon reported that they are now meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. She had no additional report.

Stewardship Council – No report. Mary Naughton noted that the January meeting had to be cancelled. No meeting was scheduled for February because Fr. Paul will not be available. The March and April meetings are in conflict with the F.A.S.T. Rally and Nehemiah Action Assemblies, so there will probably not be a report for the next couple of months.

Child Care – It appears to be going well. People are enjoying the breaking open of the Word for the little ones, and parents who observe are confident that they can assist. It was suggested that the usual pre-Mass announcement be modified to include something about breaking open the Word.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John reported:

- There has already been a good response to the second push in the Capital Campaign. The renovations are currently scheduled to start on the Monday after Mother’s Day, and will last about 7 months. Completion is scheduled for November 30. The various groups involved in planning the renovation design have agreed on the basic ideas. Fr. John meets weekly with the architects. The whole cost is about \$1.7 million, and we have about \$500,000 in the bank after paying for the school renovations. Our approved line of credit will be for \$1.2 million. By December of 2011, the final amount of our loan is expected to be about \$500,000. The great response is a terrific testimony to the generosity of our people.
- We are exploring the possibility of going off campus for Masses during the renovation. If we are not able to find a suitable site, we may have to resort to two staggered Masses (i.e., 9:00 AM and 9:15 AM), or to adding additional weekend Masses. If we have to do that, we will poll the parish to see what seems to be most agreeable to parishioners.
- The members of Pastoral Council should be “marketers” during the disruption caused by the closing of the church. We need to remind people that this is only for a short time that we will experience the inconveniences.
- Maureen Boberg has been working on our Youth Ministry. The once-a-month dances have been very successful. There are 20 to 30 in attendance twice a month for the middle school groups. Discussions are under way about how to serve the high school population. There is consideration being given to taking the kids on a mission trip to Nicaragua. It is safe, easy to get to, and not expensive.
- The Catholic Relief Services collection gathered about \$12,000 for Haiti relief. The collection for Beau Sejour raised about \$19,000. Information is available about which banks in Haiti are still reliable. When we send money to Fr. Ronal, it is wired to a safe bank, and he goes there to get it. He reports back to us on how much he received so we can tell that it’s being delivered honestly. He has a reputation for being the most honest recipient of aid, and provides very detailed records to us on how the funds are spent.
- The APA Appeal will be on February 6 and 7. It is important to remind people that our assessment will come out of our offertory collections if our pledges don’t cover it. This is an important part of our “tithing.”

Pastoral Council Lead Committees

- **Pastoral Council Discernment** – Claudia reminded everyone that the process for discerning new Pastoral Council members will require establishment of a Discernment Committee. Pat Eley and Tony Kapkowski agreed to serve on the committee. Mary Naughton will provide support with forms and materials.
- **School Auction** – invitations to the Auction were distributed. Pastoral Council usually takes an ad in support of the Auction. Tara agreed to contact Bob Kline to get information about costs and sizes, and send it to Mary who will send it out to everyone. We will collect donations from Council members at our next meeting.

Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Tony Kapkowski reported that we are now over \$2 million in receipts and pledges. \$1.2 million has already come in, and about \$67,000 has come in as cash or pledges since the campaign has re-opened. The committee will be “hitting the streets” next month in hopes of raising more.

Open Discussion

- Claudia is working on plans for a meeting of the heads of our major Councils to discuss what worked during the year and what did not work.
- Claudia requested that the survey committee meet before next summer to lay plans for the parish self-study.
- Jim Currey noted that he had two different complaints about the printing of the list of Capital Campaign donors.

New Business

- **Medical Benefits Ministry** – Pat Eley explained that her job is involved in dealing with Medicare appeals. Every State has a Quality Improvement Organization for this purpose. As a result of her experiences, she would like to do something to be pro-active in hopes of preventing the need for such appeals. Too often people do not know what coverage they actually have, as well as the rules about making appeals. It was suggested that, through Faith Formation, she set up a seminar aimed at Medicare recipients and their families. This could be done twice a year to be sure of reaching as many people as possible. It might also be something to be done throughout the Diocese.
- **January M/OMs Meeting** – Chio announced that the main activity at this M/OMs meeting will be to do the S.W.O.T. exercise that we did on our retreat. This will be a good lead-in to the self-study process we will do about a year from now. Copies of the agenda were distributed as well as “smile and dial” assignments.

Housekeeping

- **Adopt a Class** – Chio reported that we have contributed \$170 toward adoption of a class at Holy Family School. We will request the 5th grade.

Council adjourned at 8:32 PM with prayer led by Claudia. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 23, 2010**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton