



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2007

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Karen Jensen, Tony Kapkowski, Frances Kasimer, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, Michele Sobota, Bob Schallerer, Lawton Swan, Maureen Zientek

Members Absent: Marj Logan, Paul Wittine

Guest: Martha Dusel

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:07 p.m. with prayer followed by reflection on the article from the bishops’ conference *Call to Global Solidarity* and a sharing session led by Maureen Zientek. Maureen distributed a brief outline of the document to aid in its review.

Minutes from the December 19th meeting were accepted with a correction to the spelling of Lawton Swan’s name.

Fr. John reiterated what was reported in the minutes of the December 19 Council meeting. He explained that ***Maintenance to Mission*** is the first part of a four-year program in the St. Petersburg Diocese that is designed to create a deeper appreciation of Eucharist. In addition to Council’s review and discussion of the book, it is also being read and discussed by the Finance Committee, Stewardship Council, Pastoral Staff, Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, and the School’s staff and teachers. There will also be a “book study” in March, open to 50 people, which will provide an opportunity for wider discussion of the concepts presented. For our own discussion, he noted:

- Some notions of evangelization need to be put to bed, especially televangelism, preaching on street corners, and going door to door with the Bible. These are not the idea of the evangelism that every Catholic is called to do.
- Fr. John distributed a concise outline of Chapter 1 of *Maintenance to Mission* and explained that the concepts presented move us beyond the Second Vatican Council.

For the next discussion, it was agreed that we would read Chapters 2 and 3. Mary Naughton volunteered to lead the discussion, and others members will lead on future chapters.

Committee Reports

SAC - Tony Kapkowski reported

- The new brochure for the School has been drafted. He circulated a copy of both the new and old brochures.
- There will be an open house on Wednesday, January 31. They will target those grades for which there are openings. They will also be doing pre-registration on that day. Letters for the Annual Appeal are going out in the mail, and will also announce these activities. Next year the Annual Appeal will be done in September.
- The Auction will be held on March 24 with a theme of “black and blue.” Tickets are \$40 and will go up to \$50 after March 1. Also, once the tickets are gone, they will not make additional tickets.

Faith Formation

- Frances Kasimer reported that Generations of Faith is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 27 with a theme the Forms of Prayer.
- All Advent offerings were well received. “Lessons and Carols” was well attended and music was beautiful.
- All Giving Tree Angels were taken and about 400 gifts were wrapped, including those for St. Joseph’s and Benedict Haven. There were food bags for about 125 families.
- The spring program for CAFÉ is being readied, and women’s Bible Study will start after Easter.
- Since it’s too late to get a national speaker, we will do a “round robin” for the Mission as we did last year. The Lenten Penance Service will be March 19, 20, and 21 (Holy Family will have March 19th).
- Five or Six of the older children in Youth Ministry will be directing meetings through skits and other ideas. They are still planning to teach about the birth of Jesus from the perspective of animals, the innkeeper, others.

Finance – Lawton Swan reported:

- The parish is on track with the budget. Peter André has a good handle on what’s going on.
- The parish facility assessment has been done. Work will be conducted one (1) project at a time. An organization will be hired to administrate the upcoming capital campaign.
- Fr. John noted that a significant increase, projected to be 25 to 30%, is expected in property insurance costs. A 5% increase in health insurance costs is also expected. The parish will also have a \$20,000 (13%) increase in the APA assessment.

Stewardship - Mary reported:

- She, Fr. Paul, Bart Kilkenny, and Bob Metz were the only attendees at the January 15 meeting. In addition to a discussion of Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, the group discussed moving the Time & Talent Sunday to the last Sunday of October. No firm decision yet.
- Fr. John reported that the Ministries Booklet is currently being edited, and should be out soon.

Old Business

Leadership Discussion

- Fr. John reported that a meeting of the Welcoming Committee would be held on Monday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 PM if anyone would like to attend. It will be a working meeting where they will be discussing having a PowerPoint presentation and similar aspects of the welcoming process.

Twinning

- Lawton Swan reported that the Subcommittee met on January 9. They discussed the inquiry from St. Paul's parish about joining them in their efforts for the parish in Haiti. In order to explore this option, he is working to set up a meeting of our Subcommittee and the group from St. Paul's, hopefully before our next meeting.
- The group will work on putting together a focus statement, and will confine it to the possibilities that have already been proposed – working with St. Paul's, assisting St. Clement's, assisting St. Patrick's and adopting a parish of our own.

Parish Photo Directory

- Michele Sobota reported that 388 families have signed up for the photo sessions, and 95 have had their photos taken. Only 28 appointments are left for the first photo week of February, and all Saturday appointments are taken. There are still a lot of appointments available for the second photo week.
- The next sign-up will be January 27 and 28, and February 3 and 4. If we can get all the appointments filled and still more want to sign up, we can ask for additional shooting dates. We are also trying to get the 50 homebound parishioners into the book. Some of the Ministers to the Homebound are planning to take photos when they visit.

M/OMs

- Maureen asked for "Smile & Dialers" help for the next M/OMs meetings that are set for March 4 and 5.
- The agenda has been developed to emphasize praying, teaching and serving. All three areas have had some been emphasized during the Anniversary year. There will be another meeting of the people involved sometime in the next two weeks.
- Mary Naughton has agreed to take over M/OMs responsibilities for the interim when Maureen completes her service on Council.

F.A.S.T.

- Fr. John reported that they are working on the issues of housing and school discipline. He requested that Council turn out in force for the Nehemiah Assembly on March 12. He noted that this is a way to work toward solidarity.

50th Anniversary

- The University of Notre Dame Folk Choir was a huge success.
- The Christian Youth Concert on February 17 will feature 4 bands as well as plenty of other entertainment. Spirit FM is doing 2 ads per day. Other youth ministries are being contacted. Port-o-lets are being donated for the day. Any use of Diffley Hall will be minimal, and will probably only be for storing food. They will sell tickets for people to use to "buy" the refreshments. Kathy Turcotte and her husband Kenny are doing a great job. They are looking for adult volunteers to help with refreshment booths and other duties.
- "Y" night will be February 24.

Coffee and Donuts

- Karen Jensen asked if coffee and donuts should be available on Easter along with the Easter Egg Hunt. It was agreed that we should have them, and that we need to plan for a larger crowd.

Future Planning

- Fr. John reaffirmed what he reported in the minutes of the December 19th Council meeting.

Pastoral Council Website

- Bob Metz and Mary are working on updating our portion of the parish website. In addition to the picture of Council, it was agreed to do a brief mention of twinning and a link to the Called to Solidarity article. It was also suggested to add information on the M/OMs activities.
- A question was raised as to whether we have access to the sign on the corner of 4th Street and 78th Ave N so that we could make it larger and have room to add information about up-coming activities. Fr. John will ask Peter André to investigate.

Next Meeting

- Because of the Lenten Renewal, Council will meet at 6 PM, and this will be a bullet point meeting. What do we need to know for the month? The *Maintenance to Mission* discussion will resume in March.
- We still need a group picture of Council, so we will take the photo at the February meeting.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the Commitment Prayer from the Council-Staff Retreat. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2007, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 6 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and Council encourages parishioners to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton