



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 23, 2010

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

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

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:00 PM with prayer led by Claudia McIvor. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for February 28 led by Mark Hanks.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the January 26th meeting were accepted as written.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John reported:

- The Diocese has decided to call in a consultant and will study future prospects over the entire Diocese, rather than just Lower Pinellas and Citrus Counties. All that has been done last year in our counties is on hold until the broader study is completed.
- In the latest communication from Fr. Ronal he reported that 300 of his parishioners have been killed. There are no facilities left at the parish base. Holy Family will be sending 9 people on a medical mission from April 9 to 16. They hope to bring medications and provide treatment. \$25,000 was sent to Fr. Ronal just today. The remaining funds that were collected will be used to purchase the medical supplies to be taken on the mission. Fr. Ronal can use the funds however he sees fit, and he always gives a good accounting. The money collected for the Road to Beau Sejour is still here. It is restricted, and can only be used for the roads. It is hoped that local people can do the planning and design of the road work when it can be started. The Twinning Committee is doing a great job.
- We are currently working on the budgets for next year. The school has a draft budget that has been reviewed by the School Advisory Committee.
- Regarding the Youth Ministry, we are not doing well with recruiting parents from Holy Family. We need to strategize to get more of our parents involved. There are around 100 kids who attend the dances, so our parents should get involved.
- The final details of the renovation plans are being completed and we hope to get information on the website soon. We are still looking at alternative sites for worship. Shorecrest does not have adequate parking. Sears does not want to rent for just 6 months. A good possibility is Northeast High School. It’s where the parish got started, and the facilities are good. For the six-month period it would cost us \$30,000. Half would come from the parish’s operating budget, the other half from the Capital Campaign funds. Daily Mass would still be in Diffley Hall. The members of Pastoral Council should be helping to sell the decision once it is made.

Liaison Committee Reports

Finance Council – Chio Ocano and Jim Curry have been unable to attend the meetings since they are at the same time as Pastoral Council.

S.A.C. – Written report for February, including the draft of the School budget. The tuition increase is based on 210 students.

FFAC – Tara Kenyon reported that the CAFÉ brochure should be out next week. There are 15 new members this time. AFF is discussing a program called New Beginnings which is a method to get new parishioners to become aware of their gifts so they can find the right ministry for their involvement. It can also be used with current parishioners.

Stewardship Council – No report, no meeting.

Pastoral Council Lead Committees

- **Pastoral Council Discernment** – Claudia reported that Linda Condon will again serve as facilitator. Everything is on track on the time-line. We will have 2 vacancies to fill.
- **January M/OMs Meeting** – Chio reported that there was good discussion at the various tables. Many of the main concerns people had were brought up. A common theme seemed to be that we need more communication

between the ministries. The information that resulted from the S.W.O.T. exercise is great information for our survey next year. It was agreed that we need to take some time at our next meeting to see if there are one or two issues that came up that we should focus on. Mary will send out the Pastoral Council S.W.O.T. results so we can compare with the M/OMs results.

Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Tony Kapkowski reported that we are now over \$2 million in receipts and pledges. We will probably have to borrow around \$500,000.

Open Discussion

- **Ministry for people with special needs** – Claudia reported Karen Galinowski is working on the development of a ministry for people who are “other-abled.” She is part of the group that is hoping to develop something, and they had their second meeting earlier this evening. A program called SPRED (Special Religious Education) is under consideration, but more Special Needs people are needed before anything can be finalized. This program would require friends/companions to meet once a week during the academic year. The special needs folks would join them every other week and the program would provide community building as well as faith formation. Pastoral Council members are asked to let Claudia know if they think of anyone who would qualify for this program, as we need about 12 people to get started.
- **Youth Ministry update** – Michelle reported that the high school youth group is excited about the possibility of doing a mission in Nicaragua. They have been looking to do something like that. Also, they did an overnight at St. Paul’s which was quite successful, but Michelle was the only one from Holy Family. We need better publicity about the high school activities. It was noted that our current middle school youth group will ultimately feed into the high school group. We have not had successful youth groups here in the past, and that may be why we don’t have high school participation.

Housekeeping

- **Auction Booklet** – Funds were collected by Tara for our annual ad in the Auction booklet.

Council adjourned at 8:23 PM with prayer led by Claudia. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 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