



## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 24, 2009

*“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”*

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Martha Briggs, Jim Currey, Patricia Eley, Tony Kapkowski, Tara Kenyon, Claudia McIvor, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, Michele Sobota  
Members Excused: Mark Hanks, Juan Ocano, Ann Whitlock

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:32 PM with prayer led by Michele Sobota.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

### **Pastor’s Report**

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- To date we have received only about 250 responses to the Deanery questionnaire. The Diocese is extending the deadline by one week to March 6. It was agreed that we will offer people the opportunity to fill out a hard copy of the questionnaire if they return it to the office by March 5. Mary Naughton will do data entry.
- The school renovations are on track for this summer. Faculty members have expressed concern about the materials in their classrooms, but have been reassured that all they will have to do will be to get everything in the middle of the room and everything should be fine. They are happy about this positive change to the facility.
- There was a brief financial report in the Bulletin. It is planned to do this twice a year, and the next one will be the year-end. This week’s Bulletin will have a more complete explanation of the APA figures. APA is on a calendar year basis while the parish budget is on a July – June fiscal year, so the figures have provided some confusion.
- A number of resumes are in hand for the Youth Minister position. Fr. John is hoping to meet with Msgr. Gibbons soon to start the interview process. The middle school dance was enjoyed by the participants.
- The School budget will be decided at the SAC meeting on Thursday. It may be necessary to increase tuition by a small amount, but it is hoped that any increase will be minimal.
- Faith Formation seems to be going very well. There is a lot of activity of a number of different types.
- On March 18, all parishes in the Diocese will be open for Reconciliation from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. This is an initiative called “The Light is on for You.” Those in RCIA will make their confessions then, but it will be open to everyone.
- F.A.S.T. will hold the annual Rally on March 23, which is why the Lenten Mission will be March 24 – 26. The Nehemiah Action Assembly will be on April 20, and everyone in the parish is encouraged to attend. Fr. John will preach on social justice on March 8, and there will be sign-up sheets in the church for the Action Assembly.
- Volunteer Appreciation will be held on Sunday, March 15, after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. There will not be coffee and donuts.

### **Liaison Committee Reports**

**SAC** – Tony Kapkowski reported that this month’s meeting will be on Thursday. He has not received minutes from the January meeting but will send out all minutes when he receives them.

**Finance Council** – Written report.

**F.F.A.C.** – Written report.

### Pastoral Council Lead Committee Reports

- **Bylaws Committee** – Claudia McIvor asked for any comments or recommendations on the Bylaws revisions. Some changes were suggested and agreed upon, so Mary will make the changes and send them out again. The vote for approval will take place at the March 31 meeting.
- **M/OMs** – Mary distributed a copy of the evaluation summary and attendance list for the Feb. 8 M/OMs meeting which was not well attended. Ministry leaders need to be reminded that every ministry supports the ministry of the parish. It was agreed that the Executive Committee will discuss plans for the next meeting in September before Council breaks for the summer. It was also agreed that everyone will have to be called.

### Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Bob Metz noted that we have lost a couple of pledges due to economic problems. On the other hand, we are still receiving pledges. To date 614 families have made pledges. There will be a reception on March 8 after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Masses for new parishioners and those who are seasonal. The Steering Committee is working on ideas to keep the need and the progress in front of the parish. Tomorrow there will be a Steering Committee meeting with all the related committees.

### New Business

- **Discernment** – Discernment Sunday will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May – May 17. A Discernment Committee was formed with Jim Currey, Tony Kapkowski, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton and Tara Kenyon participating.
- **Café** – Bob Metz asked if everyone had a copy of the flyer and provided copies to those who needed them.
- **Lenten Mission** – Bob asked for volunteers to help with refreshments for the Mission. People are needed for both daytime and evening.
- **Y-Nite and other activities** – Bob noted that we need to decide if we will do Y-Nite again and when. The International Food Festival made about \$700 this year. They are currently looking at Oct. 18 for the next one, but may decide to do it when Fr. Ronal is here. Linda Johnston will be doing the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

### Housekeeping

- **School Auction Ad** – Michele collected additional money for the Pastoral Council ad in the Auction book.

Council adjourned at 8:52 PM with the prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31, 2009**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton