



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes March 31, 2009

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

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

Members Excused: Martha Briggs

Members Absent: Tara Kenyon

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:07 PM with prayer led by Michele Sobota. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel of the day and the questions on the Concluding Rites in the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the February 24th meeting were accepted as corrected. Under the M/OMs report, they should have read: “...every ministry supports the *mission* of the parish.”

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Mission and the meeting with the Bishop. His main goal in meeting with us was to see if we are doing all right. He appreciates that the Bishop was able to spend the time with us. He will try to get the minutes of the Bishop’s Pastoral Council sent to us so that we can be aware of what is happening at the Diocesan level and use that information in our own work.
- The status of our Capital Campaign and renovation projects was published in Sunday’s Bulletin. This was partly in response to questions asked by several of our donors. The last meeting with the architects and contractors on the School renovations will be on April 19. After that, the meetings will resume with regard to Church renovations. A report will come out in the fall about what we can realistically expect to do in the Church.
- It is hoped that our Respect Life group will soon be reconstituted. Dolorene Sackman has agreed to work on getting it going again. We also hope to have a comprehensive Justice and Mercy ministry through coordination of our individual ministries that currently exist. This should provide support to each ministry as well as opportunities for sharing and brainstorming.
- So far there has been no success in getting help for our Youth Ministry. Msgr. Gibbons has help for the coming year, and none of the other pastors in our area are interested in a shared ministry. Other possibilities are being explored. We need a solid connection between our school and religious education with the youth ministry. We need to get a dialogue going and keep it going. What do we need to know? How do we get information out? Who’s going to do it? These are some of the questions that need to be answered.

Liaison Committee Reports

Stewardship Council – Mary Naughton reported that the group will not meet until May. She and Rhonda Mahaz are currently working on continuing the entry of pledge cards, and have begun the update of the Ministries Booklet. Rhonda has requested to speak to us at our next meeting.

SAC – 195 students are currently registered for next year. There will be a 2% increase in tuition. If we do not reach 221 in enrolment, tuition will have to be raised again. If an enrolled family gets a new family to enroll and stay the entire year, they will receive a \$250 discount on their tuition.

Finance Council – Written report.

F.F.A.C. – No meeting. It was requested that we all keep Marty Brinsko and her fiancé in our prayers. He is very seriously ill with cancer.

Pastoral Council Lead Committee Reports

- **Bylaws Committee** – Claudia McIvor conducted votes on the amended Bylaws and Appendix A to the Bylaws. Both passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **Discernment**– The Discernment Committee has met and the process is under way. The notice has been in the Bulletin. The committee includes Jim Currey, Tony Kapkowski, Tara Kenyon, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton and Michele Sobota. It was suggested that we each contact people we know and invite them to accept nomination. Nominations close on April 26, and the Committee will meet on April 28. Linda Condon will facilitate the Discernment.
- **Capital Campaign Report** – Bob Metz noted that the new numbers for March should soon be out. A reception was held this month but was not well attended. The number of not-contacted parishioners should drop because additional information has been located on what contacts have been made. He and Rhonda Mahaz are continuing to recruit and train people to help with the follow-up on people who have not responded to attempted contacts. Bob noted that other capital campaigns in the diocese seem to be doing well.
- **Deanery Planning Process** – Chio Ocano reported that a meeting was held to plan the town hall meetings. We need to have two of them between now and the end of June. These meetings will report data from the surveys as well as tackle questions about the results. Michele agreed to meet with Peter André to set dates and decide what information to get out to the parish. Holy Family had 299 responses to the survey.
- **Senior Social Activities** – Mark Hanks reported that the first activity planned will be Mass and Dinner. This will be held on a Saturday shortly after Easter. It will be publicized in the Bulletin. The dinner will be at Village Inn.
- **Twining** – Karen Jensen and Kathleen Kirkpatrick will be visiting Haiti in April. Our committee is in contact with the parish in Canada that is providing medical assistance to St. Gabriel.

New Business

- **Y-Nite** –Jim Currey, Tara Kenyon, Chio Ocano and Ann Whitlock were appointed to set up the next Y-Nite. -Michele will ask Tara to chair the group and report at our next meeting.

Open Discussion

- **Catholic Perspective on Issues** – Michele noted the need to be informed about the Catholic perspective on a number of issues that are currently being debated in our political arenas. It was suggested that we get on e-mail lists from the diocese that deal with the topics involved. There are a number of splinter groups that do not always have the correct perspective even though they use the word “Catholic” in their names or messages. We can always safely regard information from the diocese and the USCCB (U. S. Council of Catholic Bishops).
- **Baranowski Conference** – it was noted that Fr. Art Baranowski will hold his annual national conference in our diocese next year (2010). He is the founder of the National Alliance for Parishes Restructuring into Communities, an organization that supports development of small Christian communities.

Additional Key Parish Dates

- First Communion – May 2 and 3 (5:00 PM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses)
- Confirmation – May 10 (9:00 AM Mass only)

Council adjourned at 8:45 PM with the song “They will know we are Christians” led by Claudia. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28, 2009**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton