



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 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, Michelle Klima, Claudia McIvor, Mary Naughton, Juan Ocano, George Pioli, Ann Whitlock

Members Excused: Martha Briggs

Guest: Maureen Gula

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:05 PM with prayer led by Claudia McIvor. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for May 2 led by Michelle Klima.

Acceptance of Minutes

After introductions for our guest Maureen Gula, the Minutes of the March 23 meeting were accepted as written.

Pastor's Report

Fr. John reported:

- All who went on the Medical Mission to Haiti are thankful for the support of Pastoral Council and the entire parish. It really is the right thing to do. In three days, 391 people were treated. The devastation in Haiti is worse than can be imagined. The walls of the school are collapsing, so 140 volunteers from the congregation will take the walls down so it will be safe for the children to resume their schooling. In the future we will be working with St. Margaret Mary Parish in Ontario to pool resources. They are the other parish twinning with St. Gabriel. The medical personnel from our trip have already signed up to go again next year. It will probably be possible for Fr. Ronal to visit us in October.
- The possibility of getting a student from the ECHO program is still on track.
- Fr. John is grateful for our support of F.A.S.T. With the number of people who were there, this was the largest gathering in Pinellas County of its kind.
- May 9 will be the last date for Masses in the church before renovations begin. Fr. John asked for a Council Member to volunteer to help with the removal of items from the church after each Sunday Mass. The items (stations of the cross, candles, flowers, etc.) will be taken over to Diffley Hall. There will not be Pancake Breakfast, but it was requested that there be Coffee and Donuts after the 7:30 and the 9:00 Masses.
- It has been discovered that the church building was never properly grounded electrically, so we are now facing an additional \$150K to \$180K in cost for the renovations. Last week we had plumbing engineers inspect the drainage in the Diffley Hall area. One drain was completely blocked, and that blockage has now been removed. There are also roots in the drains which will have to be removed. After Sunday night's heavy rains it appears that the usual flooding around Diffley did not occur.

Liaison Committee Reports

- **Finance Council** – The April meeting was cancelled. It was reported that the Easter collection was very good.
- **S.A.C.** – The April meeting has been rescheduled. At the Home and School meeting, it was reported that they netted \$82,000 from the Auction. They are going to strategize more about fundraising and hope to eliminate some of the smaller activities.
- **FFAC** – CAFÉ is considering how to proceed during the renovations period without the availability of Diffley Hall for large gatherings. Faith Formation will continue until the end of May and will resume at the end of September. Katie Muller will be full time at St. Paul's, so she will not be able to continue to work with our middle school youth group. We hope to use the ECHO student for that. We also hope to have one night a month for the older teens here at Holy Family, and St. Paul's youth group members will be invited.
- **Stewardship Council** – No report, no meeting. There will be a meeting in May.

Pastoral Council Lead Committees

- **Pastoral Council Discernment** – Tony Kapkowski reported that, so far, 5 candidates have said yes and 12 have said no to potentially being a member of Council. Discernment will be from 1:00 to 3:00 on Sunday, May 16. All Council members are expected to be there. Linda Condon will facilitate, and this time we will finalize the selection of new members without the presence of the candidates.

Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Tony Kapkowski reported that Bob Metz and Rhonda Mahaz are still working on the roster. As soon as that is ready, teams will begin ringing doorbells. So far the pledged are about \$2,112,000. Despite a few people having to drop out, the income is still tracking well.
- **Child Care** – Ann Whitlock reported that they expect to continue Child Care during the summer. No firm decisions have yet been made about whether or not to suspend it during July as they did last year. Ann will make the final decision about the schedule and let Christine Oman know so that Christine can schedule the Breaking the Word catechists during Child Care.
- **Other-Abled** – Claudia reported that there was a low turn-out for the other-abled dinner. Karen Galinowski and her committee are considering reaching out to other parishes. The program they have decided to use is not the SPRED program but one designed by a former nun who has devoted her life to working with other-abled people.

New Business

- **Facebook** – Michelle distributed copies of a proposed design for a parish Facebook page. The School and the Knights of Columbus already have such pages which provide a way for people to keep in touch. They can see what's going on. It can help to get more people involved. The St. Petersburg Diocese does not yet have a policy on the use of Facebook pages, but other dioceses have developed them. The person or persons who monitor our page will have to be someone who is at least 18 and has been safe-environment trained. They would be able to delete any inappropriate items that viewers might post on our wall. It was suggested that we form a subcommittee and contact other churches that are doing it to see how they handle it. Michelle, Claudia, George Pioli, Chio Okano and Mark Hanks agreed to be on the subcommittee. They will report back next month.
- **Pastoral Council Retreat** – Claudia raised the question of what would we like to do for our next retreat, and whom do we want to facilitate. It was suggested that we go off campus this year. Mary distributed copies of the Pastoral Council dates for the coming year. The retreat date and Council Commissioning dates have not been determined. It was agreed that Claudia will check the availability of the House of Prayer and Bethany Center for August 14 or September 11. Commissioning Sunday will be August 15 at the 9:00 AM Mass in Diffley Hall.
- **Pastoral Council Elections** – Claudia reminded everyone that the election of officers will take place at the May meeting, with the new members in attendance.

Council adjourned at 8:26 PM with prayer led by Claudia. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 25, 2010**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton