



## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2009

*"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, Claudia McIvor, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, Juan Ocano, Michele Sobota, Ann Whitlock

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:07 PM with prayer led by Michele Sobota. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for May 3 led by Jim Currey.

### Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

### Pastor's Report

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- The school renovations are on track. May 11 will be the final meeting with the architects and contractors, and by June 8 we will be ready for the renovations to start. When school starts in the fall, we will have a special blessing of the renovated building. Because we cannot get a bridge loan, we will not be able to start the church renovations until 2011.
- School enrolment for next year is 206. More enrolments are expected. If we do not reach the number that was budgeted, we may have to raise tuition by 3% rather than 2%. The number of applications for tuition assistance has increased.
- There are possibilities for building up our Youth Ministry. Bernie Calvert is helping, and events are being planned.
- First Communion is scheduled for this Sunday, and Confirmation for the Sunday after that.
- Word from our travelers to Haiti is that the trip was somewhat tougher this year because of the damage to the roads from last summer's hurricanes. Karen Jensen and Kathleen Kirkpatrick have returned safely.
- In a meeting with President-elect Claudia McIvor, it was agreed that it is time to do a new self-study and pastoral plan. We can bring someone in to help us with the self-study. We can discuss this more at next month's meeting.

Claudia reported:

- One of the roles of Council in the self-study process will be to inform the parish of what is happening. We will also be involved in compiling results and making a strategic plan based on those results.
- One of the areas to be emphasized in Council next year will be recruitment of leaders and caring for those leaders we already have.
- Our mission can be summed up in the logo phrase of "Praying, Teaching, Serving." Pastoral Council needs to work with our ministries to remind them of the mission and their role in carrying it out.
- It was suggested that the new Council members get some training in our Bylaws. This could possibly be done at the August retreat.

### Liaison Committee Reports

**Stewardship Council** – no meeting.

**Finance Council** – Written report. Fr. John added that the total collection on Easter was \$19,957 in addition to the regular offertory of \$13,002, for a total of \$32,959. APA pledges remain at about \$84,000. With regard to the hood for the school kitchen, if we do not replace the hood with one that is properly vented, it will be necessary to remove the stove and no cooking can be done there. The actual cost of the new hood will be \$38,000. Money from the annual appeal will be used. The funds are those that are left over from the projects for which they were solicited.

**S.A.C.** – No meeting.

**AFF** – Written report. Bob Metz reported that they are looking into leadership issues. Also, there is a desire to continue Generations of Faith in a “blended” format rather than separate groups.

### **Pastoral Council Lead Committee Reports**

- **Discernment Committee** – Michele reported that we have about a dozen nominees. All will be called to determine their willingness to serve. Those that will attend the Discernment Meeting will be asked to fill out a questionnaire and return it. They will be given the dates of all the meetings. All current Council members will be expected to help with the discernment. Linda Condon will facilitate the Discernment Meeting on Sunday, May 17.

### **Old Business**

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Bob reported that the campaign is still plugging along. We have recently received about \$8,000 in new pledges, and the funds from existing pledges continues to come in.
- **Deanery Planning Process** – Michele reported that there will be two “town hall” meetings – Sunday, May 17 after the 9:00 Mass, and Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. Both will be held in the school cafeteria. The purpose of these meetings is to explain the process, present the results of the survey, and have participants meet in small groups to discuss several questions. Our delegates to the process will meet with Peter André before the town hall meetings to firm up the presentations.
- **Y-Nite** – Tara Kenyon has agreed to chair the group. Ellen Currey will also work on the committee. It was agreed to try to get the YMCA for August 29.
- **Senior Social Activities** – Mark Hanks reported that the first activity was a success. There were 11 RSVPs to the invitation in the Bulletin. Of those, 10 actually participated. The group was very enthusiastic, and is planning the next Mass and Meal for May 16 at the St. Pete Ale House. The group is also planning a variety of other activities.

### **Open Discussion**

- **Child Care Ministry** – Ann Whitlock reported that she has not been able to find someone to take over the coordination of this ministry. Child care will be suspended in July since there was little or no “business” last year. She is slowly losing volunteers but not getting new ones. She would like to see some support from the pre-school program to help get more customers. She is also hoping to incorporate some learning activities, so it is very important to have volunteers who are prepared to help with that. It was suggested that she could talk to parents at the pre-school orientation. Information could also be placed or posted in the church’s cry room. Claudia agreed to work with Ann to develop a strategy.
- **Swine Flu** – Fr. John noted that the Centers for Disease Control has NOT recommended that we stop shaking hands, taking Communion from a common cup, or any other usual activity at Mass. Until such a warning is issued, Masses will continue as usual.

### **Additional Key Parish Dates**

- Open House Celebration of Fr. John Tapp’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination – May 9, Diffley Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.
- First Mass – Brother Jacob Hausman, a Grey Friar and Holy Family parishioner, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, at the 11:00 AM Mass on May 31. There will be a reception afterwards in Diffley Hall.

Council adjourned at 8:45 PM with the “Journey with us” prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton