



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes August 25, 2009

“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

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:02 PM with prayer led by Claudia McIvor. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for August 30 led by Claudia.

Acceptance of Minutes

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

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- The City of St. Petersburg has approached the parish about installing a public playground on City property at the South end of our campus. It would require use of a small amount of our property. This is just one of several sites that are being considered. The Diocese is looking at it, especially with regard to any liability we might have.
- School opened today. The enrollment is where it was projected, at about 212 in K – 8th grade. There are about 50 to 60 in the Preschool, and that number will be in flux for the first couple of months.
- We are still working with St. Paul’s, and our focus is on building the middle school ministry. Two events and one dance are currently being planned for each month. We need to build up a core team to get it off the ground. Middle school students from St. Pauls will be invited. It was recommended that this be a main focus for the September M/OMs meeting, and Fr. John agreed to make a presentation. Juan will contact the other lay ministers who are involved in YM this year to invite them to participate in the M/OMs meeting.
- Maintenance man Dino is no longer working here and a new man, Jim Campbell, has replaced him. He previously worked at Sacred Heart, but they had a major reduction in staff and he became available.
- Fall will be busy with regard to collections. The annual School Appeal will begin soon. The focus will be on funding the renovation of bathrooms, one at a time. The annual Stewardship pledge drive will be in November. We’ll do the annual Tuition Assistance drive in December. We will also be working on reaching those who have not yet responded to the Capital Campaign.
- There is a possibility that we may be able to start the renovations on the church this coming summer. If the construction does start next May, we will want to defer the self-study process because of the need for intense planning for the renovations.
- A projector will soon be installed in Diffley Hall to enable us to show videos, PowerPoint presentations, etc. The question is whether to put the screen at the niche by the kitchen or on the east wall. This will be a permanent mounting and will enable more people to see presentations. Father John asked all PC members to e-mail him with their opinion about the placement of the screen sometime within the next week.
- Bishop Lynch is recovering and was moved to a private room. He should be going home soon to complete his recovery.

Liaison Committee Reports

Stewardship Council – Written report.

Finance Council – No report. They have not yet begun meeting.

S.A.C. – No written report. Tony Kapkowski was unable to attend the last meeting but will circulate the minutes when he gets them.

AFF – Tara Kenyon reported that the CAFÉ brochure is not quite finished, but should be out soon. Sunday Child Care will begin incorporating a faith formation component. Faith Formation for children will begin Sept. 20. Rather than doing Generations of Faith, Linda Johnston is planning to use a different program. There are also changes in the works to Sacramental preparation. The Diocese is holding a meeting here on Sept. 30 about Small Christian Communities, and we are hosting. The International Food Festival will be Oct. 18.

Pastoral Council Lead Committees

- **M/OMs Meeting** – A draft of the agenda was provided. Chio Ocano noted that an e-mail was sent to ministry leaders asking for issues they would like to have addressed at the meeting. A list of the replies was provided. Pastoral Council members are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting to learn what the ministry leaders have to say. Mary Naughton distributed “Smile and Dial” lists of ministry leaders to be called and reminded of the importance of attending. This is a great way to touch base with these leaders.

Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Fr. John reported that the income continues to be steady. We are close to what was projected. The school renovations cost a little more than we originally expected but we are still in good shape. The contractor has made a proposal to lend us the money at zero interest. They are currently between major jobs and this would allow them to keep their people employed plus we can get the work done before the costs possible escalate. The Diocese has yet to approve this plan, so we are not yet sure. It was suggested that we have school children speak at Masses about the renovations that were done. The Liturgy Planning Committee and the Liturgy Commission will be working on the plans for the Church renovations if we can move the process up.
- **Self-Study Process** – Claudia distributed a proposed time-line for conducting the self-study. We have copies of the previous self-study as well as the goals that resulted. Until we know that it will be deferred, we will continue on. The committee will meet on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.
- **Deanery Planning Process** – Chio reported that there is no news. We had our two town-hall meetings and submitted our final report. The Deanery meetings are to start soon, and cluster meetings are still in progress. Fr. John and Michele Sobota attend the cluster meetings. Claudia will attend the cluster meeting at HF on September 17.
- **Y-Nite** – Everything is in good shape for Saturday. The Y will set up the tables and break them down. Tara will be there at 5:00 PM to tell them how to set up. She has lots of volunteers, and the event will go from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. There has been information in the Bulletin and on the parish web site as well as posters in the church.
- **Child Care Ministry** – Ann Whitlock reported that there was a meeting on June 3 to brainstorm about the future of the Child Care Ministry. The group will meet again on Sept. 2 to finalize plans. Child care was suspended during July, but is now available again. Linda Johnston will have her catechists do the planned catechesis. Oct. 4 is a tentative date for an open house to show families what is available. Ann is looking for someone to take over the “management” of the program.
- **Senior Social Activities** – Mark Hanks reported that 22 people attended the most recent Mass and Meal event. The group is adding activities, including Mass and a Matinee. They also have planned a Fall Foliage trip to Savannah in October.

Open Discussion

- **Claudia** suggested that since Child Care and Senior Social Activities are off and running, we do not need to continue monthly reports.
- **Jim Currey** will work with Chio on acting as Pastoral Council liaisons to the Finance Council.
- **LPMI** – Claudia Recommended that people consider becoming involved in the LPMI leadership training. The first step is a year of discernment, and the Diocese is getting ready to start it. We really need to promote this in order in develop more leadership for our parish.
- **Youth Ministry Publicity** – It was agreed that Michelle Klima should work with Kathy Martin to be sure that the Bulletin and clergy announcements get the word out about the Youth Ministry’s activities and plans.
- **F.A.S.T.** – Fr. John noted that we will be sending a bus to Clearwater so people can protest the County Commission’s decision to not allocate funds to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund this year. At the Nehemiah Action Assembly they agreed to allocate \$5 million. There will be a protest outside and people can go into the chambers to address the Commissioners.

Council adjourned at 9:00 PM with the prayer led by Claudia. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 22, 2009**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton