



## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes September 22, 2009

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

Members in Attendance: Martha Briggs, Jim Currey, Patricia Eley, Mark Hanks, Tony Kapkowski, Michelle Klima, Claudia McIvor, Mary Naughton, Juan Ocano, Ann Whitlock  
Members Excused: Fr. John Tapp, Tara Kenyon, George Pioli

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:00 PM with prayer led by Tony Kapkowski. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for September 27, also led by Tony.

### Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as written.

### Pastor’s Report

Claudia McIvor read a report from Fr. John:

- Fr. John is attending the County Commissioners’ meeting on behalf of F.A.S.T. in hopes of getting them to restore funding for the Affordable Housing Trust in the budget. He will complete his 3-year term as co-chair of F.A.S.T. on Oct. 26.
- The Splash Bash last Sunday appeared to be a success. There were about 60 – 80 children, most from middle school. He expressed thanks to all who helped make it a success, including the Knights of Columbus, Kathy and Ken Turcotte, Marty Brinsko, Lisa Aunspaugh, and Linda Johnston.
- Maureen Boberg, formerly the Youth Minister from Sacred Heart Church in Pinellas Park, has been asked to serve as a consultant for our program. She is helping to develop a core team of youth and parents to plan and work with the Middle School ministry throughout the year. They hope to have a dance each month as well as twice-a-month meetings here at Holy Family. Our high school students are encouraged to attend the program at St. Paul’s.
- A presentation was made today to the administrative assistant at the diocesan offices regarding the church renovation. There is still hope that we will be able to start the renovations in May. Fr. John will keep us informed of the progress.
- Our parish is participating, along with the other parishes in the Diocese, in a Living Eucharist event at St. Lawrence Parish in Tampa on Sept. 23. We are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Living Eucharist process that was initiated by Bishop Lynch’s Pastoral Letter. The focus this year is “Sent” – going out to the world and serving in mercy and justice to God’s people.
- Thanks for all the hard work on a very successful Y-Night.

### Liaison Committee Reports

**Stewardship Council** – Written report. The Ministry Leader Mixer is Saturday evening, and we are gearing up for the Time and Talent Fair.

**Finance Council** – No report. They have not had a meeting.

**S.A.C.** – No written report. Tony Kapkowski was not notified of the change in date for the meeting until after it happened. He will send out minutes when he receives them.

**AFF** – Written report. Claudia called attention to the CAFÉ brochures she brought to the meeting and noted that there is a lot going on, especially in the area of Bible study.

### Pastoral Council Lead Committees

- **Self-Study Process** – The committee met on Thursday, Sept. 10. Until we know whether or not the renovations will start next spring, we won’t schedule another meeting. Until then we are researching materials and reviewing the prior self-study. We are planning to do the SWOT exercise at the January M/OMs meeting as a prelude to our self-study. Claudia mentioned the article about vibrant parishes that Fr. John suggested we read. A link to the on-line version had been sent to everyone.
- **M/OMs Meeting** – Mary Naughton had distributed the evaluations of, and attendance list from, the Sept. 13 M/OMs meeting. It is noteworthy that there were no negative comments. A large number of the ministries were represented by the 31 people who attended. Claudia suggested that we hold M/OMs meeting more often than twice. The consensus of council was that it is difficult to get participation at the two meetings we do

have, so adding more may not work. She suggested that we have an end-of-year meeting of the leaders of the 5 major councils – Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Stewardship Council, School Advisory Commission, and Faith Formation Advisory Council – to review what worked during the past year and what the goals will be for the coming year. She also noted that we need a way to help new parishioners determine what their gifts are that can be shared with the parish.

### **Old Business**

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Tony reported that the team is gearing up to start another campaign in mid-October to reach out to those who have not yet contributed.
- **Y-Nite** – Tara Kenyon submitted a written report. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The food was great and everything went smoothly.

### **Open Discussion**

- Questions were raised about what happens to our young people after Confirmation. They just seem to disappear from the parish scene. Many teens are just too busy to add another activity such as youth ministry to their calendars. We also discussed our desire to simply keep our teens around, and not overburden them with more scheduled tasks.
- Catechists are needed for the Child Care Program. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping out every five to six weeks, please give names to Claudia.

### **New Business**

- **Praying, Teaching, Serving** – Claudia reminded us that we and all our ministries need to remain focused on our parish mission of praying, teaching, and serving. She asked us to think of ways to encourage all parish ministries to be aware of how they participate in this mission.
- **Time and Talent Fair** – It was agreed by consensus that Pastoral Council will not have a table this year. All should attend and mingle with the parishioners or even bring someone new to the T & T Fair who may not have otherwise attended.

### **Housekeeping**

- **Adopt a Class** – Each year Pastoral Council members donate to adopting a Holy Family School class. No one is required to donate, and no specific amount is requested. It was agreed to request the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. If that class has already been adopted, we will be assigned another class. A collection envelope was passed around. Chio is taking responsibility for the money and for this collection.
- Council members were reminded to attend and support events listed in our “Upcoming Events” section. In return, Council Members requested a reminder e-mail immediately before events, especially those pertaining to Council duties.
- Volunteers for the upcoming Oct. 10 Road to Beau Sejour dinner include Tony, Pat, Claudia and Martha. Claudia will notify Karen Jensen that these people have volunteered and will ask her to contact us about our duties.

Council adjourned at 8:30 PM with prayer led by Claudia. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27, 2009**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton