



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes November 30, 2010

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Bill Coté, Patricia Eley, Mark Hanks, Tony Kapkowski, Tara Kenyon, Michelle Klima, Tim Malkiewicz, Claudia McIvor, Mary Naughton, Juan Ocano, George Pioli
Excused: Ann Whitlock

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:02 PM with prayer led by Fr. John. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for December 4 led by Chio.

Acceptance of Minutes

The Minutes of October 26 meeting were accepted as written.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John reported:

- He has been extremely busy with a variety of meetings regarding the renovations. The major concern had been about the altar, but that is now expected to be here by Friday. Everything else except the cross should be finished and in place by Dec. 10.
- The cross is not ready yet. It will be in the church, but there will not be a corpus because the sculptor has not finished it yet. Please be prepared to field questions and comments from parishioners about the missing corpus.
- There will not be holy water fonts at the doors now. Instead, people should come to the Baptismal Font to bless themselves since Baptism is the source of our membership in the body of Christ. Again, please be prepared to field questions and comments.
- The cross that has been placed across from the main entrance to the church is the original cross from the top of Diffley Hall when it was our church. It has been refurbished by our Eagle Scouts including Stephen Dillon after decades of neglect. Pavers will be placed in the area around the cross to make a space for such activities and the Easter fire, burning of palms, etc. At some future time there may be a fund-raising campaign for folks to have names inscribed on the pavers.
- A calligrapher will inscribe the names of donors to the Capital Campaign in a special book that will be on permanent display in the narthex.
- The Diocese is winding down the expanded study of the parishes. (Originally it was just the Lower Pinellas and Citrus Deaneries). We are being asked to resubmit our original responses in a different format by the end of January. Our original committee members will be convened to do the conversion. A consultant is being brought in to review all the information and recommendations will be due to Bishop Lynch in June.
- The Diocese is considering a renovation of the Cathedral. There may be a capital campaign for that in the future.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Council** – Tim Malkiewicz reported that there have been no minutes from the last meeting. Everything is on track, even though collections are down. The school is doing well, thanks to higher than budgeted enrollment. The parish will have extra expenses because of the dedication, but we are still doing very well.
- **S.A.C.** – Tony Kapkowski provided a written report. The meeting primarily involved the discussion of the results of the visit by Helen Marston, Associate Superintendent of Schools, who gave a good report. There were several recommendations for improvements, and all is detailed in the attachments to Tony’s report.
- **FFAC** – Fr. John reported that the group is looking at different types of prayer experiences for the Fridays in Lent. They are working with the Liturgy Commission and the Liturgy Committee. One suggestion under consideration is to show the one-hour film about Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. There is a movement to support his cause for canonization. They are also working on addressing the issue of the new Roman Missal.
- **Stewardship Council** – Minutes of the November meeting were provided as a written report. Mary Naughton reported that the group is concerned about ways to keep the Time and Talent needs of parish ministries in front of our parishioners.

Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Tony reported that they are still working on a number of prospects. It is hoped that when people see the completed church, they will be convinced to make a pledge.
- **Facebook** – Bill Coté reported that there are now 88 people who “like” our page, up from last week’s statistics. The group of moderators will soon hold a meeting to discuss sharing the workload of monitoring and uploading information. Claudia noted that the USCCB (United States Council of Catholic Bishops) has published guidelines for the use of social media. She noted that something is also in development at the diocesan level. A main concern is how to get the word out to folks on getting stuff posted.
- **Self-Study Process** – Claudia McIvor reported that everybody has been so busy that we have not been able to get the proposed survey reviewed. It will be presented to Council at our January meeting. This will not delay the implementation of the study.
- **Church Rededication** – Fr. John reported that different sections will be set aside for different groups. Pastoral Council members are asked to greet those who come in and to escort special guests to their seats. Mary will be the point person and will distribute the seating plan to other members of Council. Some Knights of Columbus and the Greeters will also greet people, and there is a brief meeting on Monday, Dec. 6, at 7:00 PM. Mary will attend that meeting on behalf of Council. All Council members need to be at church *at least* half an hour early (**by 4:30 PM**).

New Business

- **Parish Communications** – Mary noted that the Stewardship Council discussions pointed out a perceived need to expand communication with our parishioners. She suggested that we may need to coordinate the Facebook, website, Bulletin, and newsletter activities. In the coming year, in addition to publishing needs of our ministries, there is a lot that will need to be published about the new Roman Missal. It was agreed that she will spearhead a meeting and possibly establish a task force to assess what we already have and how we can move forward. This is also a topic that can be discussed at M/OMs.

Housekeeping

- **Important Dates** – To be added to the list of dates are the M/OMs meeting on Feb. 13 at 12:45 PM, and our Lenten Mission on April 10, 12, and 13. Rev. J-Glenn Murray will be presenting our mission.

Council adjourned at 8:28 PM with prayer led by Fr. John. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 25, 2011**, in the Church Office, Pastor’s Conference Room, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend. Tony Kapkowski will provide cherry cheesecake!

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton