



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 26, 2008

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Jim Currey, Karen Jensen, Tony Kapkowski, Claudia McIvor, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, Michele Sobota, Bob Schallerer, Ann Whitlock
Members Absent: Martha Briggs, Lawton Swan

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with prayer led by Karen Jensen. It was followed by reflection and sharing on next Sunday’s Gospel led by Jim Currey.

Minutes from the November 27th and January 22nd meetings were accepted as written.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- The results of the feasibility study for the capital campaign were really good. He has meetings coming up regarding a proposed timeline as well as continued communication and education for the parish. We are currently working on a “services needed” basis with the architects. Diocesan specialists will be brought in to evaluate what is needed and what we can do. Paying for this will require dipping into savings, but we need this information. One of the elements of the church air conditioning has just burned out, further emphasizing the need to do the renovations.
- We are currently focusing on the sum of \$2,000,000. This won’t get very much of what we need.
- The Liturgy Commission will be meeting with the architect during the summer to look at the sanctuary and other church areas to see what modifications would be appropriate and/or possible.
- In a meeting earlier this week Fr. Gibbons agreed that Holy Family and St. Paul’s parishes will seek to hire a full-time youth minister who will serve both parishes. Details will be worked out for a formal agreement. At present there is a core group of about 7 teens who are meeting during Lent to study the Bishop’s pastoral letter.
- Please talk up the Lenten Mission. Fr. Kratz will preach at all Masses this weekend. Wednesday evening’s session will conclude with an anointing ceremony. The daytime sessions will run about an hour, and the evening sessions will run about an hour and a half.

Committee Reports

SAC – Regarding Tony Kapkowski’s report it was noted:

- The budget is still being developed for the coming year, and tuition will probably go up.
- Fr. John noted that school families have to be registered and they have to contribute at least a nominal amount to the parish. He does call parents who do not meet the criteria.

Old Business

Twinning:

- We now have a parish with which we are twinned. It is Beau Sejour (Saint Gabriel) in Haiti. It is about 31 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince. The Pastor is Père Ronal Flervil, and Marge Logan has been in contact with him. The region has about 22,000 people but only about 1/3 of them are practicing Catholics. We are looking at a trip down there in June.
- We need to introduce this connection to our parish, and the Twinning Committee has been brainstorming ways to do that. Perhaps we can have the pastor come up here and speak at all the Masses.

M/OMs – Mary Naughton reported:

- The results of the meeting evaluation were previously distributed, and seem to be very good. The speakers on Haiti gave an excellent presentation and were very well received by those who attended. Only about half of the attendees completed the evaluation forms. Especially noted was the comment that ministry leaders need to take the information back to their groups. This needs to be included in the “Why we are meeting” portion of the meeting.
- Fr. John noted that people are still seeking to share with each other. That was the original plan for the February meeting, but the Twinning developments plus new ministries. This will definitely be the agenda for the September meeting.
- We also need to re-emphasize that all ministries need to be represented at M/OMs. It was suggested that Mary send all ministries the results of the evaluations.

Welcoming – Claudia McIvor reported:

- The ad hoc group met and made several decisions. Mary and Rhonda Mahaz will be working with Chris Vivian on revising the power point presentation. At this time, it is not prudent to spend money on a professionally produced video. There is free software that will allow us to incorporate photos and a soundtrack.
- The welcoming of new parishioners will be moved to follow the 9 AM Mass instead of the 11 AM and will stay on the first Sunday of the month for now. We are looking at doing it in a different location.
- Recruitment of new members for the Welcoming Ministry has begun. On May 15, Karen Jensen and Mary Naughton will assist with a little training for the ministry members.
- It was suggested that we do something special for the snowbirds. Most of them are not registered. We need to get them informed as well as involved. One possibility might be a special table at Coffee and Donuts followed by a formal presentation in another location. We could do this in November, December and January.
- It was also suggest that we do an “Amnesty Day” event for people who have been in the parish for some time but have never registered.

Coming Home – Mary Naughton reported:

- A new session of Coming Home is scheduled to start on April 2. There were two returnees who intended to participate in the first session, but neither actually came. There was also a person who could not do it on Thursday, so we are doing it on Wednesday this time.
- We really need the help of all our parishioners to encourage and invite people to attend. A copy of two brochures was circulated. One is for active parishioners with help on how to invite people to return. The other is an invitation to return. We are in the process of developing our own brochures for both purposes.

Childcare – Ann Whitlock reported:

- Childcare started slowly – nobody attended the first Sunday. It is gradually growing with 3 to 7 children each week.
- There are 18 volunteers. Ann has prepared a schedule through early September. She is looking for someone to volunteer to take over the leadership but has not yet been successful. It was suggested that she tap into the people who are involved in Vacation Bible School.
- We also need to consider having childcare available for special parish events.

Clipboard Questions – Michele Sobota distributed copies of the responses to the clipboard questions from the Time and Talent fair, and highlighted several entries.

New Business

Nominations for Pastoral Council:

- Karen Jensen noted that the dates for nominations are the weekends of April 13, 20 and 22. Jim Currey, Tony Kapkowski, and Bob Metz agreed to serve on the nominations committee.
- Discernment Sunday is May 18.

Coffee and Donuts:

Karen Jensen noted that she will no longer be on Pastoral Council next year, so she is seeking someone to take over the coordination.

Guidance in Giving Presentation:

Council members discussed their personal reactions to the presentation and the information in the report from Guidance in Giving. Also discussed was the possible role Council members might play in the campaign. It was noted the Guidance in Giving will train volunteers and do follow-up as well.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Karen Jensen noted that Kathy Turcotte has agreed to do the Easter Egg Hunt this year. It is a Pastoral Council event, so someone will need to take it over for next Easter.

Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with the Twinning Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 25, 2008**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton