



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes November 27, 2007

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Jim Currey, Tony Kapkowski, Claudia McIvor, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, Michele Sobota, Ann Whitlock

Members Absent: Martha Briggs, Karen Jensen, Bob Schallerer, Lawton Swan

Guest: Michael Adams from St. Matthew’s Parish and the LPMI Program

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:07 p.m. with prayer led by Michele Sobota. It was followed by reflection and sharing on next Sunday’s Gospel led by Michele.

Minutes from the October 23rd meeting were accepted as written.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- Sincere thanks are due to all who organized and participated in the Thanksgiving dinner as well as the assembling and distribution of the Thanksgiving baskets. Special thanks go to Chris and Dave de Rose and the Knights of Columbus for their efforts, and to everyone for their generosity. Baskets were provided to about 115 families, a significant increase over last year. Many of the names of those in need come from our St. Vincent de Paul Society. We are also providing assistance to people from St. Joseph’s parish.
- The Renovation Steering Committee will be meeting next week. It is hoped that we can begin a feasibility study in January. We are slowing the process from what we originally were expecting. Some members of the Committee will be touring 3 churches in the diocese which have recently been renovated.
- The Staff is now gearing up for Christmas.

Committee Reports

FFAC – Bob Metz reported:

- Generations of Faith is on hold but may resume for the spring. They are trying to get a structure set up since there has not been one to date. There is a need to get more people involved.
- Everyone should be receiving the Advent/Christmas schedule if they don’t already have it.
- Several people have been trying to rebuild the Youth Ministry, and 2 events are being planned. Fr. John noted that He is interviewing a prospective Youth Minister, and he will also be meeting with Fr. Gibbons of St. Paul’s parish to discuss a joint venture to share a Youth Minister.

SAC – Tony Kapkowski reported:

- CSREA is an endowment fund for the school, and this is expected to be the third year for which the interest is rolled over rather than used. If a need arises, which could happen during the renovations, the interest can be spent. There are significant penalties for drawing upon the principal.
- New methods of fund raising are being investigated. There will be two golf tournaments next year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

It was suggested that the parish prepare a brochure to provide information to parishioners on how to include the parish in their wills.

Stewardship Council – Mary Naughton reported:

- Stewardship Council is planning a parish picnic for Sunday, June 8. No details are available yet.

Old Business

Twinning – Bob Metz reported:

- They have not really had a meeting. Marj Logan is working on getting information, and there may be more to report in January. Committee members need to analyze the information. They are going forward.

Parish Photo Directory - Michele Sobota reported:

- The Directory will be delivered no later than December 17. We will distribute them in Diffley Hall after the Masses. It was suggested that the Anniversary Committee members might be willing to help with the distribution.

F.A.S.T Fr. John reported:

- Issue training will be conducted here at Holy Family on Monday, Dec. 3. There is an effort to get new people involved in dealing with the major issues for this year which are Education, Affordable Housing, and Crime and Drugs. This is a great opportunity to meet people from other congregations as well as to make a contribution to social justice.

Coffee and Donuts – Fr. John reported:

- CCW has declined to take this ministry. Karen Jensen will continue to coordinate for now. It was agreed that Pastoral Council needs to discuss who should take over some of our recurring activities. Y-Night and the International Food Festival were given as examples of activities that should be continued.

Childcare – Ann Whitlock reported:

- A Safe Environment workshop will be held here on December 13. About 15 people are enrolled so far.
- She is presently finalizing what needs to be in place to begin, and there are a number of volunteers who have already completed the Safe Environment process. The first Sunday will be December 9. Ann will talk to Kathy Martin about having an announcement from the altar.

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

Welcoming – Claudia McIvor reviewed several of the findings in her written report. It was agreed that we need to revise our process and get more people involved. A meeting was set for January 2 at 4:30 PM to brainstorm where we go and how we conduct welcoming of new parishioners. Fr. John will invite Patti and Loren Bridges to the meeting. Claudia, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, and Jim Currey will also attend. Mary will invite Rhonda Mahaz from Stewardship Council.

New Business

Bulletin Board:

A request was made to have a bulletin board in Diffley Hall. It was agreed that we need to look at the whole business of making information available to the parish. This should go to the Renovations Steering Committee. We need an accessible “plaza” where people can find the information. We have so many doors and people do not look at the bulletin boards, so there is no central information station.

Bishop’s Convocation:

Pastoral Council members who will attend the Convocation in Tampa are Claudia McIvor, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton and Michele Sobota. Tony Kapkowski will let George Pioli know if he can attend.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the first and last paragraphs of the Evangelization Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 22, 2007**. This will begin with a social supper with the parish staff. Time and place will be announced.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton