

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 24, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Peterson, Kim York, Andrea Cowell, Ken Perry, Deb Sandquist, Jim Firminger

EX OFFICIO PRESENT: Father John Mitchell and Roseann Schoenherr

REVIEW OF AUGUST MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ken introduced idea for “Meet Your Parish Council” link on church website that would include names, email addresses, and possible video introduction or picture of each member. Other ideas included names and phone numbers listed on the front of the bulletin and pictures of members with phone numbers posted somewhere in the church gathering space.
- Council was updated on the Regional Archdiocesan Planning Meeting held on Sept. 15th. People were pleased with the representation of St. Pius at the meeting and thought it was organized well to allow discussion between parishes. Overall consensus of the meeting was that the lines of communication need to be kept open regarding any new plans to help ease transitions.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Roofers worked on leaking skylight today 9/24 to correct problem.
- School year is off to a good start. Building is in good condition and was ready for school.
- Legacy update included a tentative October meeting to inform parishioners how to include St. Pius X in their estate planning. A mailing to announce meeting will go out to parishioners aged 55 and older.
- Idea was introduced of advertising St. Pius again in the White Bear Press paper. Used to advertise before but was eliminated due to cost (\$15 per issue/\$700 per year). There is an option to choose when to advertise (we don’t have to be included in every edition). Feedback included concerns of cost given current budget deficit, not being represented along with other churches in the area, and waste of money if not really utilized. Solutions offered were to advertise in the church section only around Christmas and Easter seasons or pay for a separate insert advertisement in the paper.
- Feedback requested concerning Circulation of Parish Scope that is scheduled to decrease from five editions per year to two due to increased mailing regulation and costs at the post office. Many options were discussed:
 - Option 1: mail as usual, decrease number of editions from five to quarterly
 - Option 2: continue all five editions as usual but leave copies at church with an announcement that they are available for pick-up if desired. Homebound parishioners will be identified and mailed copies as usual.
 - Option 3: announce to parishioners that the Scope is available in digital format and is available for subscription via email (benefits include reduced printing and mailing costs, reduced use of paper, and ease of receiving electronically). This will be organized by the parish secretary. To account for those without access to technology/email, limited number of copies will still be available for pick up at the parish.
- Report from Father John regarding Fall Family Fun Night (9/19). Cost of the Polka band was covered by the second collection. Served 318 meals which yielded a profit of about \$1000. Ideas for improvement if continued next year included better organization (possible committee of 2 -3 people) to plan for set-up (food line vs. ticket sales line), more volunteers (this year worked well to coordinate with Knights of Columbus recruitment weekend), more tables, and preferential treatment to those who pre-bought meal tickets (first in line or separate line, etc.). Also discussed was the closeness in scheduling with the pro-life spaghetti dinner in October and next time could consider alternative food options.

OLD BUSINESS

- Father John extended an invitation to council members to attend a Stewardship forum to be held Saturday October 10th 8:00 am – 1:30 pm at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton. An informative flyer was handed

out that included the day's schedule and topics for breakout sessions. Cost is \$15 (funds are possible, if needed) and the registration deadline is Monday, October 5th.

- Deb announced that the first meeting of the Memorial Bricks Committee was held Sept. 17th with the purpose of discussing commemorative paver project that would be a long term source of income to the parish. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 8th. In general, there was a lot of enthusiasm for the project with more details that need to be discussed before moving forward.
- Father John gave an update on the new Capital Campaign to begin July 1, 2010. Current campaign ends June 30th. This will be another three year campaign with the purpose to pay down current debt and have money on hand to meet short-term, medium-term, and long-term needs of the parish. There is a public meeting planned for January 2010 to introduce campaign and answer questions. Hal Johnson will be hired again to head campaign. Pledge requests scheduled to start the weekend after Easter possibly in church. Council will discuss ideas, concerns, etc. about executing campaign at subsequent council meetings.
- **Council members who are able are invited to attend the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th to hear Capital Campaign plan from Hal Johnson to give feedback as parish members.** Faith Formation Commission is also scheduled to have their first meeting that night and those parish council liaisons will be updated (along with anyone else not able to attend) at the regularly scheduled Parish Council Meeting on October 22nd.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance Committee – no updates or action needed
- Building & Grounds Committee – off site hard drive storage updated and skylight repaired.
- Vocations Committee – Priesthood Sunday scheduled for October 25th. Father will talk about the Year of the Priest at all Masses. Seminarian will be John Drees (from Shakopee). A Teaching Parish Committee will be organized to include about 10 parishioners to meet with seminarian and help him on his journey.
- School Advisory Committee – no updates or action needed
- Worship Committee – planning for upcoming year
- Christian Formation Committee – have not met, first meeting scheduled for October 20th
- Social Ministry Committee – a lot of good work being done and other parishes are inquiring about St. Pius' Social Ministry Department's organization.
- Website – no report
- Youth Group – no report

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule was passed around for sign up.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

PRAYER FOR FATHER JOHN

Next Meeting is October 22nd, 2009

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Kim York