

**Corrected and approved**

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 25, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Herb Weber, Andrea Cowell, Mark Peterson, Barb York, Amy Bachmeier, Kim York, Ken Perry, Deb Sandquist, Jim Firminger**

**EX OFFICIO PRESENT: Roseann Schoenherr, Father John Mitchell,**

**INVOCATION**

**REVIEW OF MAY MINUTES:** Minutes were approved with minor corrections

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Fundraisers
  - Discussion about charging a fee to have parishioners advertise their business on the St. Pius X website. This will come back for discussion and more details at the August meeting.
  - A letter was sent out to each parishioner encouraging the use of EFT for financial contributions. Ken Perry brought up the concern that many will not be putting an envelope in the collection basket and this could be discouraging to others. Father John explained that envelopes will be sent to those using EFT for additional giving opportunities and there is a box to check for EFT donation.
  - Community Garage Sale in the east parking lot several times a summer. A rental fee would be collected for space – “an out of your trunk garage sale.” Carrie Rambo, a parishioner with fundraising expertise thought this would be a viable fundraiser using facilities with low overhead costs. Salvation Army trucks could be called to collect items not sold that person would like to donate. Barb York mentioned that First Lutheran had a similar event last Saturday. Amy Bachmeier offered to call First Lutheran and find out details and whether it was a profitable option and will report back at the August meeting. Jim Firminger suggested that Knights of Columbus might be willing to help with the project.
  - Music Fest on a Saturday night following Mass in September was discussed at length. In 2007, the event broke even and in 2008 a \$900 profit was realized. The band was the largest expense. Perhaps businesses could sponsor the event to offset the cost of the band. The event could be held in the east parking lot to keep the event closer to the building. A permit must be obtained from the City Council and neighbors would be notified of the event as a courtesy. Rain alternative brings the event indoors. Discussion ensued about trying to keep the overhead cost down by having the *No Where Band* play and have something like Karaoke and games such as 50.50 or Heads and Tails interspersed with music. Food

could be served for more profits. Amy said that Culver's is generous with donation of ice cream. The event would be community building as well as fundraising. We must be careful that the return on our investment is worthwhile (both financial and volunteer time expenditure)

- Wine and Cheese Tasting – local liquor store will do the event. Participants will pay an admission fee. Barb York will investigate the details and success at St. Charles Borromeo parish in NE Minneapolis and report back to Father John.
- Jim Firminger suggested that his son-in-law is involved in antique appraising. He suggested an Antique Road Show at St. Pius where person can bring antiques to be appraised by experts as to their worth at auction. A fee could be charge per item brought.
- Parents Night Out – Volunteers (adult and teens) could volunteer to watch children while parents have time to go out. Children could be divided into areas by age. A babysitting fee would be charged. This event could be held once a month or regularly.
- A second collection could be made for a special expense (i.e. New refrigerator)
- Election of 2009- 2010 officers: Herb Weber was re-elected chairperson, Mark Peterson will be the vice-chairperson, Amy Bachmeier and Kim York will co-share the position of secretary. Liaison assignments: Jim Firminger – Building and Grounds, Ken Perry – School Advisory, Deb Sandquist, and Kim York will serve on the Christian Formation Commssion and Katie Uremovich will be the Youth Group liaison.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT -**

Larry Erickson was absent but Father John represented him. The parish directories were missing the names/addresses/phone of each parishioner at the back of the pictorial directory. It was not clear who was at fault. The council suggested that we spend no further money to rectify the problem since the parish mails a directory each year with this information. Deb Sandquist suggested that Olan Mills should make restitution if this was their fault. Instead of reprinting, they should make a financial payment to the parish in the amount that it would cost to reprint. Larry will investigate who made the mistake.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- The 2010 Parish Council Election dates are:  
April 11 & 16 – Announcement of the invitation for nominations  
May 2 – Candidate list complete  
May 16 – Parish Council Election
- Maximize use of Website – The need for timely updates is critical. Ministry schedules must be timely. If Larry agrees, Herb will offer to take over that part of the posting to the website.
- Stewardship Councils – no report. This item will be put on the August agenda.

#### **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Finance Committee-** Budget is established and there is a need for brainstorming fundraising ideas to make up the \$68,000 deficit.
- **Buildings and Grounds** – no report.
- **Worship Committee-** no report
- **Christian Formation Commission** – no report
- **Social Ministry Commission** – Goals and Objectives were updated, Curb to Door Ministry in dire need of volunteers. Theme for the year is “Baptism Solidarity and Our Faith.”
- **Website** – when one clicks on Volunteers Opportunities there are links to 90 different volunteers opportunities with job descriptions.

Military Wall and Job Openings Boards are being designed and put up in the Community Commons area.

Eucharistic Adoration schedule was passed around to sign up.

The next meeting will be on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the rectory with a barbeque (bring own meat and a dish to share, Father John will provide the drinks.)

Father John gave out a copy of the Archdiocesan Planning Process.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barb York