

ST PATRICK'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 14 2009

Present: Fr. James Lafontaine, S.J.; Bob Smith, Sharon Noyes, Sue Borduas, Ted Borduas, Janet Burns, Sharon Conley, Bruce Corkrey, Sr. Margaret Coyne, James Curran, Mary Elizabeth Foley, Tina Mikkelsen, Jeanne Stephens, Bill Welch, Madeline Whitney, Karen Joyce, Tina Smith, Sharon Orlando, Molly Foley, Ellen H. Decotiis

Excused: Jim Willey, Diane Lapointe

Absent: John Lander

Guest: Tony Doman (St Pius)

Next meeting: Nov 18 2009

I. Announcements

Fr. Lafontaine, S.J. opened with a prayer.

Mary Elizabeth welcomed our new members. A brief orientation for new members preceded the meeting.

Minutes for the September meeting were approved with the correction of Mary Elizabeth's name.

II. Discuss issue

Election Process: The ballot had 7 names and requested people choose 7 names. This occurred because of the late withdrawal of 2 people. All 7 names have been approved. The ballots had been placed in the bulletins. This did not work well, as some people did not take a bulletin and couples only take one. We will not do this in the future. The poster at the entrance of the church, showing pictures of the candidates, was well received and will continue.

We agreed to place a bulletin board in the entry for Parish activities and Council member pictures. There will be a group as well as individual pictures. Sharon Noyes agreed to oversee this project.

2010 Goals: Due to time constraints Fr. Lafontaine, S.J. suggested all members submit a goal to Mary Elizabeth in the next 2 weeks. She will have them ready for discussion at next meeting.

III. Roundtable

Facilities update: John Brown reported that we had a sewer line break out in front. This was quickly repaired. The Facilities team has done a survey of the outside of the Church. Projects will be prioritized. We have bids to repair the Rectory stairs and to place an awning over the rear Hall entrance. We are also replacing the stair treads down into the Hall. There is no new activity on the parking lot and will not be until spring.

Women's Fellowship: Jeanne Stephens reported that the Fellowship sponsored 2 trips (August to Castle Tucker in Wiscasset and October a Fall Foliage tour). Both were well received. September was the

Membership Dinner and several new members were added. There was a Mass for members deceased this past year in September. The Fall rummage sale will take place October 16th/17th.

Knights of Columbus: Ted Borduas reported that the Knights had assisted with a fund raiser for a parishioner needing a kidney transplant. They also gave financial assistance to another parishioner due to illness. Knights will have a membership drive in 2 weeks with a free Pancake breakfast at the Hall.

Worship and Spirituality: Janet Burns and Tina Mikkelsen reported. The October education for Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers and Alter servers was well attended. They are working on an All Souls day remembrance for parishioners who passed away this year. They are also working on Thanksgiving Mass and the blessing of food items for parishioners.

The Respect Life Commission: Jeanne Stephens reported that they will be having a Christmas ornament sale possibly the weekend of Oct 24/25.

Fundraising: Ellen Decotiis reported that Ellen Pirone will organize a Calendar sale to benefit St Brigid's and St Patrick's. The calendar will include January to Easter. A question was raised as to why St Pius was not included. Fr Lafontaine, S.J. explained that they had another project to assist them. Monies raised will assist with the school subsidy. Ellen mentioned the Shaws project continues with Charlie Noyes and Paul Leblond looking for ways to make it easier for parishioners to sign up. The committee is looking to have 2 music events (Christmas/Spring). The annual bazaar is in progress. Other ideas are sponsoring a Formal Dinner. Janet Burns mentioned the "400 Club" as an option. She suggested Jim Conley as a resource for this.

Pastor Update: Fr. reported that school enrollment is better than expected. Work continues on the cluster formation. Members commented that the newsletters have been very helpful.

Mary Elizabeth closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting Opening prayer Sharon Conley

Closing prayer Sue Borduas

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Noyes