

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 6, 2007**

**Attendees:** Joan Beal, Fr. Boughton, Sandy Litcher, Jean Leonard, Theresa Cornell, Andy Litcher, Jesse Semore, Mary Senore, Tony Doman, Jim Banks Sr., Joe Desimone, Rich Flaherty, James King, Mary Gordon.

**Opening Prayer:**

**Minutes from August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting** approved

**Snow plowing contract-** approved

**Finances:** **Bob O'Brien** prepared an operating budget (handout). Council went through the information and asked questions for clarification. It was decided that **Bob O'Brien, Fr. Boughton and Joan Beal** will speak to parishioners at all the Masses the weekend of September 22/23 and there will be a follow up in the parish hall the weekend of September 29/30. Council members will email Joan to let her know which Mass they will be available to answer parishioners' questions concerning the operating budget and the information that was shared with them the week before.

**Discussion-** **Jesse Senore, Joan Beal and Jeanne McKew** will serve on the Hall Fee Commission to determine what the pre-set fee should be to rent the parish hall. They will research other local businesses that rent hall space and do a cost comparison. They will also gather data as to the amount of money a typical event in the hall costs the parish (heat, sewer, electricity, employee time...). The point being to generate revenue for our parish.

Discussion on generating revenue in regards to amount going into budget envelopes and adding another collection (on going).

Adjustment to second collections not forwarded to the Chancery have been made. It will clearly state on the 2008 envelopes that certain second collections will go towards St. Brigid's school subsidy.

Revue continues to decline. Factors are dropped Mass, less money given per family, decrease in overall parishioner population and a higher school subsidy. **Fr. Boughton** made it clear that our financial situation needs to be communicated with the parishioners and to appeal to people how much they are giving in comparison to cost of living i.e. how much it takes to operate our parish.

**James King** noted that in he experience as a parishioner at St. Pius the congregation is not being taught the message of tithing and their Christian responsibility to the Church. It is spelled out in the bible how this is to be

done yet at St. Pius this has not been brought up very often from the pulpit (no disrespect intended).

### Committee Reports

**Worship and Spirituality:** **Louis Phillipp** has tendered his resignation to serve on the pastoral council (he is still our Music Director!!!). Because of business commitments he is unable to attend meetings. The council accepted his resignation (**in regards to serving on the council**)

**Religious Education: Sandy Litcher** will give a detailed report at the October council meeting after Faith Formation Registration takes place on September 8/9. Classes begin the weekend of September 23.

**Fundraising:** The idea for fund raising at St. Pius for the 2007/2008 year is to do various raffles throughout the year. It was stated that raffles pull in the most amount of money for the least amount of manpower. A Raffle Committee to get prizes for the raffle tickets to be formed. **Mary Gordon** will call Alice, who used to solicit items for the Christmas fair, to see if she would be willing to solicit or share her advice on how to go about getting items for the raffle.

It was decide to do three seasonal raffles plus the Holiday raffle. Each family will get X amount of books to sell to others or buy for themselves. Incentive for highest seller was suggested. The breakdown of raffle events is as follows: **Holiday Raffle** 07-begun in October-Jesse will take care of getting the prizes for this raffle. **New Year's Eve raffle/event** -start date? **Theresa Cornell and Jeanne McKew will assist Jesse** with this one. This is the big money maker. Sell 250 at \$100 each with the grand prize being \$10,000. Parish profit approx. \$15,000 less expenses for the event overhead. Thought for event is cash bar, beverages, entertainment (music-dancing), and desserts or appetizers. **Spring '08 Raffle**-start date? Prizes? **Rich Flaherty will assist Jesse**, Fall '08 Raffle- Start Date? Prizes? **Jeanne McKew will assist Jesse**

Jesse will get sponsors for cost of printing tickets.

**Pastor's Notes** Priests, DRE, Principal, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers will be meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss up coming Pastoral issues for Cluster 28. Some of the issues to discuss are dates for Confirmation, First Holy Eucharist, formation of the Cluster Committee in January and Disciples In Mission Lenten program.

St. Pius X/ St Patrick will be having monthly staff meetings on how better to serve our parish(es). Disciples

In Mission Lenten Program information will be coming shortly.

**Fr. Boughton** met with those who will be deciding on who will be the new pastor. **Fr. Boughton** provided information as to what he sees the needs are here at St. Pius X and St. Patrick's.

**Msgr. Caron** (Co- Chancellor) and **Peter McPartland** (Asst. Controller Diocese of Portland) met with Fr. Boughton to discuss the financial situation of the parishes. More follow up meetings to come. Purpose-to all be on the same page, form better communication, create a process for the parishes/parishioners to work effectively together. St. Patrick's is working hard both with the finance committee and the pastoral council to best serve their parishioners and work together with St. Pius X.

**Other Business:- Jean Leonard** thanked all the people who helped with Ministry Sign-Up Day. We added people to our lector, Eucharistic Minister, altar server, suppers/breakfasts ministries and more! Great Job organizing this Jean!!! Thank you!

**Tony Doman** shared the up coming fund raiser for Habitat For Humanity Portland. Tony serves on the Interfaith Build Team as a representative from St. Pius Catholic Church. The fund raiser is to be a Renaissance Masquerade dance to be held at the top floor of the USM Law Library on Saturday, October 27, 2007. Hopefully Tony will email the council with more details as they come ☺

**Next Meeting- October 11, 2007 \*\*\*Please note change in date!!**

Respectively submitted by: Mary Gordon  
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