

## **Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting**

**March 6, 2008**

**Attendees:** Fr. Lafontaine, Joan Beal, Jim Wiley, Leo Hurtubise, Theresa Cornell, Jeanne McKew, Richard Flaherty, Bob O'Brien, Jeanne Stephens, Pat Campbell, Bob Smith, Margaret White, Tina Mikkelsen, Sandy Litcher, Jean Leonard, Mary Elizabeth Foley, Andy Litcher, Mary Senore, Jim Banks, Sr., James King, Mary Gordon, Joe Desimone, Bruce Corkrey, Jim Curran, Barbara Wiley, Paul Leblond. Excused: Ted Borduas, Sharon Noyes and Tony Doman

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Lafontaine

**Minutes from January's meeting** changes-117 attend St. Brigid's School from St. Joseph's Parish, 62 from St. Patrick's church and 10 from St. Pius X Parish (Theresa Cornell).

### **Old Business:**

- Disciples in Mission Lenten Experience- Success-7 small groups met from St. Pius X and 3 small groups for St. Patrick's. Cost of materials broke down to \$524/St. Pius X and \$336/St. Patrick's. Would consider a fee or good will donation per participant for next year to help with the cost. (Mary Gordon)
- Monthly Suppers/St. Pius X- On Saturday, March 29 from 5-6:30PM there will be a special supper to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Jim Lafontaine. The menu includes Swedish Meatballs. There will also be a silent auction benefitting the Portland Nursery School. Volunteers from the nursery school will help serve and clean up at the supper.
- Dan Schutte Concert- The concert is set for April 18, 2008 at 7:30PM at St. Patrick's Church will a music workshop scheduled for the following day in the church hall. Ticket cost \$15 ahead of time, \$20 at the door- the ticket includes both events. If you attend just the workshop the cost is \$5. Discussion on generating revenue in regards to amount going into budget envelopes and adding another collection (on going).
- Spring Fling Raffle- \$10,000 Grand Prize, \$1,000 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, \$500 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prize. Announced at the April 26, 2008 parish supper. \$100 per ticket. If you plan to attend the dinner please call to make reservations. Only 250 tickets to be sold. Each St. Pius X council member is responsible to sell tickets. Tickets will be assigned out following the meeting by Jeanne McKew.

### **New Business:**

- St. Patrick's Women's Fellowship donated \$100 towards the vacuum cleaner fund at St. Pius X. Woman's Fellowship would like to book a date at the St. Pius X parish hall to host a Pot Luck supper for those at St. Pius X interested in joining the fellowship. Pat Campbell will contact Mary to make arrangements.
- Fr. Lafontaine asked all attendees to give a few words as to our concerns, hopes, and worries about the days to come for the church cluster, St. Brigid's School, individual churches, etc...Topics shared were finances, apathy about church attendance, lack of youth in the parish, more school/parish communication/interaction, steady leadership, Mass schedule changes, church closings.

**Closing thoughts/Prayer-** Fr. Lafontaine thanked all for their words and dedication to the parishes. Closed with a prayer.

**Next Meeting (St. Pius X )-April 5,2008**

**Respectfully remitted:** Mary Gordon

Note: any agenda items you would like added for the next meeting please submit to Mary Gordon. Joan Beal will not be attending the April meeting due to a conflict in her schedule.