

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**April 3, 2008**

**Attendees:** Mary Senore, Andy Litcher, Jolene Marsters, Rebecca Marsters, Bob O'Brien, James King, Jean Leonard, Sandy Litcher, Theresa Cornell, Tony Doman, Joan Beal, Mary Gordon, Fr. Lafontaine, Jeanne McKew, Joe

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Lafontaine

**Minutes from January's meeting** accepted

**Finance-** (Bob O'Brien)- St. Pius X Parish is still a bit ahead though the figures used are 3 months old. We are doing better than we thought we would be at this time. Joan Beal suggested we start a monthly collection for the school subsidy. It was decided to do that at this point was premature.

**Old Business-** (Jeanne McKew) 73 tickets have been sold for the **Spring Fling Fundraiser**. We must be sure to have the raffle announced in the lector notes every week. Arrangements were made to have people selling tickets after all masses each weekend. Reservations for the dinner must be made by the 19<sup>th</sup>. Push the idea of selling partial tickets. Must sell 50 more tickets to break even. We are doing great. Keep it up

**Programs-** (Mary) **DIM** Pot Luck Dinner was a big success with almost 100% participating. Good time for all. People connecting, building community. **Protecting God's Children training** to be done this spring-Mary will facilitate. This is for all parish volunteers who work with children. All parish employees must attend training. Date to be announced. Mary serves on the **Diocesan Wellness Team**. Which was created to provide information and plan events to promote healthy lifestyles for all Diocesan employees.

**Maintenance-** (Andy) We will continue to have **Nelson Properties** serve as the parish lawn maintenance for this year. Fr. Lafontaine signed the contract at the meeting. Andy got first bid on the **painting of the exterior of the hall**-\$10,445. Materials will run from \$1,400 to 1,700. Tony Doman will supply another contractor to contact for a second bid and Andy will get Dicon for the third bid. Andy will also get Dicon to look at the **water issue in the hall basement**-possible trench to channel water elsewhere. Bob O'Brien suggested waiting until after our fiscal year ends in June before tackling major repair/maintenance issues.

**St. Brigid's School-** (Theresa Cornell) School Council will be formed by June. The assessment process is to be revisited. Right now the \$45,000 figure is to be used again

this year. Tuition payments are being carefully monitored. Process is in place for delinquent payments.

**New Business-** Rebecca Marsters, member of St. Pius X/St. Patrick's Youth Ministry asked the council for help in raising funds for her trip to **World Youth Day** in Sydney, Australia this summer. It was decided that Rebecca would write a letter to the parishioners explaining who she is and the purpose of this trip and ask for donations which will be sent directly to the parish office. The parish will match the donated funds up to \$250.00. Fr. Lafontaine will write a bulletin announcement that will appear in the bulletin the same we as Rebecca's letter. Other suggestions were made by various council members on where else Rebecca could go for funds. Knight of Columbus at St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's among others was suggested. Rebecca will draft letters and follow through. Possible 50/50 at the church supper.

**Other Business-** Leo asked if the **Mass times** could be listed in the Saturday paper/**religious section every week**. Tony shared information on the **Habitat For Humanity Interfaith Build** (Tony is representative on the Build Team for St. Patrick's/St. Pius X). St. Pius X is hosting the Portland walk on Sunday, May 4, 2008. The walk goes around Back Cove from noon to 3PM. Volunteers are needed. Tony passed around a sign up sheet for members to volunteer that day. There will be a cookout for walkers/volunteers in the church parking lot beginning at 11:00AM. **Sunrise Service** question tabled. Mary will call Richard Flaherty to be sure he will serve another **3 year term**.

**Pastor's Thoughts-** "Oh God..." Fr. Lafontaine will have **office hours** at St. Pius X all day Tuesdays and from 9:30 to noon on Fridays. He will have office hours at St. Patrick's all day on Wednesdays and 9:30 to noon on Thursdays. Mary will be at St. Pius Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM. Fr. Lafontaine goes to **St. Brigid School twice a week**. Students are doing well. As for adults-still feelings to work with in regards to the history. The school in a positive entity for our future as a cluster. Easter Vigil at St. Patrick's will happen again next year and there will be one Mass for Holy Thursday to take place at St. Pius X along with the Penitential meal. This is a great way to continue to promote community between the two parishes. There will also be a **joint parish picnic** on June 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Patrick's (with their big lawn in the back of the church) to celebrate Fr. Matthew's service to both the parishes. More information to come. Fr. Lafontaine thanks everyone on

the council for all their hard work and commitment to St.  
Pius X.

**Next meeting-** Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 04/17/08