

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting  
November 6, 2008**

**Attendees:** Mary Senore, Joan Beal, James King, Fr. Lafontaine, Andy Litcher, Sandy Litcher, Mary Gordon, Bob O'Brien, Jean Landry, Leo Hurtubise, Tony Doman, Theresa Cornell

Excused: Jeanne McKew, Joe Desimone and Jean Leonard

**Opening Prayer:** Tony Doman (Prayer to St. Pius)

**Minutes from August meeting** accepted

**Finance-** (Bob O'Brien)-

- ref. Handout- comparing YTD- income is down (offertory), fundraising has increased. Bob feels as though finances are not as dismal as they appear on the handout. Just as he did not feel they were as wonderful as they appeared last year. Appears there are other factors that may not be showing at this time and there are discrepancies such as the formula for figuring salary amount- that may be figured differently than how it was done last year..and like everyone else the parish DS&L Savings account is taking a hit because of the economy/stock market.

**Old Business-** Fr.

- Lafontaine shared with us that the Capuchins (formal agreement) will be leaving St. Joseph's Church in 2010.

**Programs-**

- (Mary) **DIM**-All but 3 team leaders are returning for the DIM year 2. Mary is actively looking for at least 3 more people to **lead small groups** preferably from St. Pius as that is where the need is. Please contact Mary if you have anyone to recommend she contact. The **family aspect** to DIM will be offered through religious education program again this year. It was suggested that perhaps the parents who wait for their children during the Monday sacrament class may take that time to do a DIM small group. **John Landers** was suggested as a parent to be the group leader. Mary will discuss this further with Sandy.

**Maintenance-** (Andy)

- exterior hall **painting** is complete. Very happy with the work.
- Dicon will be coming to complete work to **wood-siding and gutters.**
- Andy replaced the motor for the **hall pump.** Cost was \$485.

- Still keeping the change to the **heating system** in mind for the future.
- Hall will be getting **insulation** installed November 10 & 15.

### Fund Raising (Theresa )

- Information for the **Cash Calendar sales** amount for both parishes was not ready in time for council meeting. Total for St. Pius amount is just over \$2,100.00. Theresa hopes to sell more Cash Calendar tickets at the K of C breakfast on 11/9 along with St. Pius annual wreath sale orders.
- Theresa was able to include St. Brigid's in the **wreath sale** this year. She is keeping separate times/places for pick up for parish/school.
- We have agreed to team up with the Portland Nursery School again this spring for a **church supper/silent auction** in March 2009.
- Mary Senore and Mary Gordon will get started on the **Jingle Bucks raffle** for St. Pius. Because we are late getting started the drawing will take place at the December church supper on 12/20 instead of the **Breakfast with Santa** which is on 12/14 this year. The Jingle Bucks raffle will have only 2 prizes this year and tickets will be \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. The delay actually works out for us this year in that we will not be competing with the St. Patrick's Bazaar or the St. Brigid's Harvest Fair.

### Religious Education-(Sandy Litcher)

- Workshops for the **Stay Safe Program** have had low attendance. There will be a **Family Advent Wreath Making** event on 11/23. 7+ families have signed up.

### Other Business

- Mary revisited the idea of having **welcome cards** provided at all the masses. Will look into having hooks or clips put in the pews to hold the cards. Once done will add to lector notes to encourage people to fill them out and drop them in the offertory basket. The idea is to provide easier access for people to communicate and join the St. Pius family.
- **Pastoral Council Meetings** have been changed to the **first Wednesday of the month**. Please note that most meeting Mary Gordon will not be able to attend if held on Wednesday.

- Hall fee to be charged to non-profits will be \$125 unless sponsored by St. Pius X or St. Patrick's Church. Insurance coverage will still be needed.
- Habitat for Humanity is calling for one member of St. Pius and from St. Patrick's to join the **Interfaith Build** for 2008/09 year. Tony served on this team last year.

**Next meeting-** Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7PM

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 11/14/08

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