

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting
September 3, 2009**

Attendees: Fr. Lafontaine, Jean Landry, Tony Doman, Sandy Litcher, Andy Litcher, , Joan Beal, Mary Gordon, Bob O'Brien, Joe Desimone, Paul Leblond, Jesse Senore, Laurie Pietroski

Excused: James King, Theresa Cornell, James Katsiaficas

Opening Prayer: Employment

Minutes from August meeting- accepted as is

Tony welcomed the new (voting) members to the council **Jesse Senore, James Katsiaficas, and Jean Leonard**. Tony also let the council know that his position at Travelers Insurance is being dissolved and he may be seeking new employment. This is just a 'heads up' for the council in case he schedule becomes such that he can not attend the meetings. We will be praying for Tony and his family for employment for Tony. Also-James Katsiaficas is recovering from minor surgery-please keep James in your prayers as well.

Finance- (Bob O'Brien)-We are only two months into the new fiscal year. Not much change from last report. The timing of expense payments has us looking pretty well set which isn't the true picture. Fr. Lafontaine pointed out that we were not able to save any money over the summer to go towards fuel cost for the coming winter. This is very disconcerting because we also have a carry over from last quarter on our assessment payment to the chancery (meaning we are \$5000.00 in the negative). A discussion took place as to how to generate quick revenue to help off set this problem. The council decided to add **another second monthly collection** starting in October. October-December an announcement will be made in lector notes and bulletin when the collections will be taking place. There will not be an envelope for these three months. Mary will see about adding the new collection to the budget envelopes for 2010 if the deadline for changes has not already passed. The second monthly collection will be set up for **fuel & energy**. Fr. Lafontaine and Mary will look at the second collection schedule to decide on dates for the collection.

Building(s)/Maintenance - (Andy)

- The church **roof** leaked again during a day long rain. Dicon was called Monday. We were told someone would be over sometime during the week. So far-no show. Andy will follow up with a call to Greg Stone to see what's up.

- All the lights in the hall that can be changed have been done.
- Estimated cost to **replace/up-grade lights** in church (which are beginning to wear out and because of the age of the lights the entire unit needs to be replaced not just the bulbs) is \$7,836.00. The replacements would be T8's which are much more efficient and brighter (like daylight) than what we have now. Energy of Maine has increased their rebate to \$1,468.00 which leaves the final cost being **\$6,300.00**. The council has decided to add this to the up-keep of the parish list but does not see it as a priority at this time due to the fact there is no money.
- Habitat Restore no longer carries air conditioners. Andy will continue to keep a lookout for a good deal.

Fundraising-

- The **Fall 50/50** tickets were prepared and left in the back of the church for parishioners to pick up if they wished to do so last weekend. This weekend the ushers will be handing them out to parishioners as they leave Mass. Announcements will be in the bulletin and lector notes.
- Pumpkins, cornstalks, mums and hay bales have been ordered and will be delivered on 9/25 to be set up and ready for the **St. Pius Pumpkin sale** on 9/26
- **Clynk** brought in \$143.00 for the month of August. If you can lift the bag with one hand it's not too heavy. No two handers please ☺ .

Old Business-

- **Council photos** tables until next month.
- The cost for a four color **refrigerator magnets** 3.91" x 6.94" with all three churches Mass times, phone number and website is **\$898.60 for 1500** including shipping. Council decided to go ahead and get them using current information and we can order news ones if/when Mass times change in the future. Cost will be split with St. Pat's and will be a gift to St. Joseph's. **Mary** will work with **Fr. Lafontaine** on design and the template will be emailed to council members for their input.
- **Tony** is going to suggest the Knights of Columbus form all 3 churches to work together on events to encourage '**cluster**' activities and '**growing the Church**".

- **Blessing of the Pets** will take place on a Sunday afternoon in October. **Fr. Lafontaine** will inform Mary once the date is determined. **Mary** will be sure it is in bulletin, lector notes and sent on to Andy for e-group, website...
- 200+ attended the **St. Patrick's summer celebration**. A good number of St. Pius parishioners represented.

Religious Education-(Sandy Litcher)

- Sandy was pleasantly surprised at the first round of religious education registration that took place at St. Patrick's over the weekend. There were a total of 13 registered which included 6 new families, 2 kindergartners, 2 first grade and 2 in second grade.
- Registration at St. Pius is this weekend and next weekend.
- September 20, 2009 at 9AM will be the first Children's Mass of the season.
- September 20, 2009 9AM Mass is also the 'blessing of teachers' followed by a meeting of catechetics/teachers in the hall after Mass. Donuts and coffee will be served.

Other Business

- The **Cluster committee** had its first meeting (Bob O'Brien and Jean Leonard represent St. Pius). The meeting was mainly a brainstorming meeting about what to focus on with the up-coming completion our cluster i.e. fears; process; communication...**Fr. Lafontaine** will have a section in the bulletin every month discussing the cluster process and information for parishioners. Other topics to be explored in the cluster committee: consolidation of resources, Mass schedules, sacraments, 1 business manager, 1 ministry coordinator, 1 business office...
- **The bishop's capital campaign** for our cluster begins March 2010.
- It was brought up that we should remind parishioners that the council meeting in an **open meeting** and they are encouraged to attend to see what the council does. A time for parishioners input will be provided. Agenda will be posted prior to the meeting so parishioners know what to comment on. Tony will provide a bulletin announcement for the weekend prior to the meeting. Mary will add the information to the lector notes as well.

- Jolene Marsters has agreed to be Youth Ministry Leader for the 2009/2010 year.

Closing Prayer- Our Father

Next meeting- Thursday, October 1, 2009

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 09/04/09