

ST. PATRICK'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 11 2009

Present: B. Smith, S. Noyes, S. Borduas, T. Borduas, J. Burns, S. Conley, B. Corkrey, Sr. M. Coyne, J. Curran, M.E. Foley, J. Lander, T. Mikkelsen, B. Welch, J. Willey, T. Doman, M. Whitney, K. Joyce, T. Smith, M. Foley, E. DeCotiis, D. Lapointe

Excused: S. Orlando, J. Stephens

Opening Prayer was given by Sharon Conley. Council welcomed Diane Lapointe to the group.

October minutes were accepted. Mary Elizabeth asked that the reports be focused as time can be an issue. All reports are important.

Finance: Jim Willey shared that we are still running in the black but weekly offerings continue to be significantly below budget. Jim will be giving a report at the Masses this week.

Facilities: No new issues.

Women's Fellowship: The Rummage sale in October was a huge success. The Fellowship will be having their annual Christmas party December 8th.

Worship and Spirituality: The Mass for All Souls day was very moving and a success with refreshments offered after the Mass. Upcoming activities are the Disciples in Mission for Lent, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas. Cynthia McGarry has agreed to do the children's pageant for St Patrick's.

Respect Life Commission: No report.

Fundraising: Ellen DeCotiis reported that Ellen Pirone will head the Calendar sales. There will be no Christmas concert due to lack of time to book it.

Social Justice and Peace: The mitten Mass was a success. The Christmas Giving Tree will go up the day after Thanksgiving. Mary Elizabeth reported we will adopt the same groups as last year. Jim Willey reported that the residents of LongCreek were very appreciative.

Old Business: We reviewed addresses for members of the council. Ted Borduas took pictures of members for the Council bulletin board.

New Business: Discussion of goals submitted by members for 2010.

Goals were submitted by most members. We began discussing each goal and how to implement. We recognize the need to foster parishioner involvement on commissions. Sue Borduas volunteered to lead the Social Justice and Peace commission. Mary Elizabeth will give her the names of people willing to work on it. Sue will also gather data on what is already taking place at St. Patrick's. A second recommendation involved the cleaning of the choir loft curtains. Janet Burns provided some history on the curtains and that they have been up about 5 years and cleaning is recommended every 7 years.

It was recommended that we have a school board member attend our meetings. This will be discussed with Fr Lafontaine, S.J... The Council would like at least 2 Town Hall meetings. Barbara Willey reported that there will be a Cluster Town meeting for all parishes in January. We will consult with Fr Lafontaine, S.J. for other meetings.

It was suggested that Commission reports be minimized to allow more agenda time. Next month reports will be submitted to Mary Elizabeth prior to the meeting. If necessary questions may be asked at the meeting.

There was much discussion involved in achieving the steps above. We will continue to discuss the recommended goals next month.

Pastoral Update: none

Closing Prayer

Tina and Karen will do prayers next meeting.

Respectfully submitted Sharon Noyes