

Pastoral Council Meeting June 5, 2008

Attendees: Joan Beal, Andy & Sandy Litcher, James King, Tony Doman, Joe Desimone, Theresa Cornell, Fr. Lafontaine, Mary Gordon, Leo Hurtubise

Excused: Bob O'Brien, Jeanne McKew, Jean Leonard, Mary Senore

Minutes: May minutes were accepted with changes: Joe D. absent and Jean Leonard (not Landry) present.

Old Business:

- Approval for a 1 ½ inch ad to run in the worship section of the Saturday Portland Press Herald. Cost to be split between St. Patrick's, St. Pius and St. Joseph's.
- **Mary Senore** requested announcements for Fr. Matthew's Celebration be put in bulletin and lector notes. Fr. Lafontaine has taken care of the gift-a beautiful green and a purple stole from St. Pius X and from St. Patrick's Church. Donations to be collected at the celebration. Andy will bring the grill and helium tank to St. Patrick's the Thursday prior to leaving on vacation.

Fund raising:

- **Joe Desimone** is opposed to raffle/gambling type fund raising and instead suggested we sell SCRIPT-gift cards to local business that participate in the program. He got the idea from another church he is familiar with. Volunteers would be needed to get local businesses on board, parish purchases gift cards, and volunteers sell gift cards. Parish makes a percentage when gift cards are used. Joe will be getting more information on how this other church runs this fund raiser such as size of parish, number of volunteers' involved, record keeping, and how gift cards are sold and made available for purchase.
- **Joan Beal** continue more dialog about the 50/50 idea. Enrollment for the 50/50 would begin the year before (Aug/Sept). More information to come.
- If the parish opts for the **calendar fund raiser** St. Patrick's has asked to team up for it.

Maintenance:

- The boiler for the rectory is not in as good a shape as the boiler in the hall and should be replaced. **Andy** will look into this.
- Fr. Lafontaine would like to have a **sub-committee** to look at fuel costs and how to be more fuel efficient (replacing single paned windows, look at other forms of energy [James King suggested we look at solar and European boilers]).
- **Mary G.** will call about getting a lock in price for oil.
- There is a plan for the railing to be installed on the altar for Fr. O'Brien. Dicon will install it.

Religious Education: (Sandy Litcher)

- Confirmation/1st Eucharist with the Bishop took place Saturday May 10, 2008. 26 candidates (19 from St. Pius X & St. Patrick's, 6 from St. Brigid's, 1 from St. Joseph's). All went well.

- Student's community service projects are hanging in the hall for all to read. Lots of wonderful work being done by our youth!
- Next years sacrament class will be combined with St. Joseph's. Sandy met with Denise Reynolds (St. Joseph's PCL) to discuss schedules and have sent in the letter of request for dates to the Chancery. Approx. 90 children will be receiving. It took about 2 hours at Holy Cross for 68 students to receive their sacraments this year. Children got restless-Bishop kept it as short as possible.
- St. Joseph's will invite St. Patrick's/St. Pius X middle school students to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross next spring.
- **Sandy** will be sending a letter to all families registered this year for registration for 2008-2009 year. Registration will take place at St. Patrick's on 9/6,7 and at St. Pius X on 9/13,14
- Catechetical Ministry Day is 9/20 in Scarborough
- Catechetical Sunday is 9/21-catechists receive a blessing at the 9AM Mass.
- Religious Ed hosted a Catechist & staff dinner on 5/27. Was a very nice evening. Thank you Sandy!

St. Brigid's School:

- Handout was given of the Community Service at St. Brigid's for winter-spring 2008. Each class participated in a different project. Lots happening!
- Fr. Lafontaine brought up the fact that the \$50,000.00 loan for up-grades to the Fr. Hayes Center still has not been settled. Would like to get the matter taken care of and move on. Council does not see the loan as being anyone's responsibility but St. Joseph's Church. Situation stands as is for now.

New Business:

- Ministry sign up Sunday on 9/20,21 after Masses in the parish hall. Try to get altar servers signed on. **Priests** to be present and encouraging volunteers to sign up. Tony suggested having the **pastor/priest** go in and talk with the 4-6 grade class about becoming altar servers once classes resume. We are getting very low on servers across the board.
- **Tony Doman** accepts pastoral council chair position.
- New V.P. to be elected in August.
- **Richard Flaherty** is no longer serving on the council. **Jean Landry** has accepted serving on the council.
- 60th anniversary of being part of the Jesuit order for Fr. Regan and Fr. O'Brien will take place on July 19, 2008. **Leo** will be orchestrating the plans and contacting people to help.
- Tony Doman read an email from Jennifer Gregg of Habitat for Humanity thanking all the people involved for making the Interfaith Build project such a success.
- Jones, Rich & Hutchins will be sponsoring a free seminar to take place at the St. Pius hall sometime in October/November.

Next Meeting-Thursday, August 7, 2008 7PM

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 06/24/08