

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting  
February 5, 2009**

**Attendees:** Paul Leblond, Jean Leonard, Sandy Litcher, Andy Litcher, Fr. Lafontaine, Tony Doman, Joan Beal, Leo Hurtubise, Theresa Cornell, Mary Gordon, Jean Landry, Joe Desimone, Bob O'Brien

**Excused:** Jeanne McKew, Mary Senore

**Absent:** Jim Banks

**Opening Prayer:** Tony Doman

**Minutes from December meeting** accepted

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

- ref. 2 page handout- snapshot look- we are down (cash) from June but had \$18,000 in contracted services done. Revenues are up thanks to donations and fundraising but our expenses have also increased. Investment fund hadn't been adjusted. Budget envelope use is down from 08.
- Will post names on church bulletin board of those who have yet to pick up their box of envelopes from the hall and make this announcement on lector notes.

**Old Business-**

- 25 Cardholders for pews have been installed in the first 6 rows (middle). Will order 25 per month until project is complete.

**Programs-**

- (Mary) **DIM-6** small faith-sharing groups from St. Pius X, 3 groups at St. Patrick's, 1 community out-reach group at St. Joseph's Manor. Number of participants is just over what we had last year (approx. 55). Pot Luck kick-off at St. Patrick's will take place February 11<sup>th</sup>. Sign -ups will continue until February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Maintenance-** (Andy)

- Still need to look at estimates for new windows in the hall.
- Insulation has made improved the warmth of the building
- Thermostats in the church have all been switched over
- Replacement of rectory finance would have to include asbestos removal
- Cost of replacing the side metal door on hall would be \$3000.00
- Moratorium on any parish capital campaign because there is a Diocesan Capital Campaign about to start at various churches around the state.

- Minor vandalism in the church bathrooms-batteries from the deodorizers stolen. Believe to be happening during Mass.
- Air pump replaced-\$800.00. Another will need to be replaced next year.
- Status of hot water pump proposal-waiting for a second proposal. Currently the pump is working fine.

### **Fund Raising** (Theresa )

- Wreath sale made \$800.00 this year. There was feedback that the wreaths were not as good quality as they have been in the past.
- 50/50-begin to sell tickets in March. Raffle will run from April thru July. Cost of ticket to be \$10.00. Joan and Tony will work on the specifics.
- Parish Bottle Drive will take place the weekend of February 28/March 1 to take advantage of church supper event. Will advertise in bulletin, lector notes and church sign immediately. Details will be worked out by Tony (please give Tony input you may have).
- Mary Senore emailed Tony that she would research murder mystery fundraiser. Fr. Lafontaine suggested she check with Louis on this too.

### **Religious Education-**(Sandy Litcher)

- Children's Mass took place on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Received a good response even though we had a snowstorm! The next children's Mass will be Sunday, March 1 at 9AM. The parent meeting on February first was attended by just over half the families registered for class. Confirmation/First Eucharist will take place Saturday, March 2 at St. Patrick's. There will be two groups-One at 2:00PM the other at 5:30PM. There are 95 children to receive. A reception will be held in the St. Patrick's hall.
- Fr. Lafontaine will be explaining the different parts of the Mass to the second graders the next two Sundays.

### **Other Business**

- Capuchins and the Jesuits will be meeting this week to discuss the process of St. Joseph's becoming part of the cluster. Possibility of Fr. Peter staying on for a time.
- Fr. d'Anjou and Mary Gordon will be working to establish a marriage ministry at St. Pius/St. Patrick's. They are currently looking for names of married couples to join in this ministry as mentor

couples for the engaged couples seeking to get married. Please give Mary or Fr. d'Anjou any names of people you think would be good to serve in this ministry.

- Paul Leblond spoke briefly on the challenges and hopes of the St. Patrick's council.
- Lenten season-schedule will be put in the bulletin. Holy Thursday service at St. Pius only (none at St. Patrick's) followed by the Penitential meal (simple supper) in the hall. Easter Vigil will be held at St. Patrick's only (none at St. Pius- as last year). Date for Penance service still to be set.
- Jean Leonard and Leo Hurtubise are forming a sub-committee to address the issue of growing membership at St. Pius. Jean has invited Rebecca Marsters to serve on the committee-Becca has accepted- the hope is to appeal to our youth and get people involved in brainstorming ideas to build up or flock.
- **Joint Pastoral Council Meeting** will take place February 26 at 7PM at St. Patrick's. Part of the agenda is to discuss religious education, Mass schedules. There will also be a guest from Sacred Heart/St. Dominic's to discuss joining them in there ministry to their sister church in Haiti.

**Next meeting-** Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 7PM St. Pius hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 02/24/09