

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting
March 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, Mary Senore, Bob O'Brien

Excused: Jeanne McKew

Absent: Jim Banks

Opening Prayer: Fr. Lafontaine

Minutes from December meeting accepted with amendments

Finance- (Bob O'Brien)-

- ref. handout: Income statement 7/08-02/09. Deficit of 71,380.00. Part of this is due to the +18,500 in planned parish hall expenses, investment fund down. Weakest month we have had for some time.

Old Business-

- February Parish supper cleared \$680.00. Some feedback from the supper was to add the pizza for the kids.- This was done at some of the suppers last year. Great turn out of parishioners from St. Patrick's.
- Committee on Growing the Parish- would make a good joint committee with St. Patrick's. Have a Social Justice aspect to it.
- Haiti Project-St. Pius X and St. Patrick's will publicize and support events sponsored by Sacred Heart Haiti Project. Some members felt we can focus on our own local community while others were in support of actively assisting SH Haiti project in a concrete way. Setting a goal for this year. Creating our own goal for next year. Too be continued...
- Alternating suppers- It was suggested to keep a good thing going but adding St. Patrick parishioners to help work the suppers at St. Pius monthly (to learn the ropes). This will help those at St. Pius who are feeling a bit burnt out and will be mentoring for St. Patrick's parishioners to prepare them to start to add more suppers to their church calendar the next year
- Ecumenical Easter sunrise service-Leo will look into how we can participate in the services with other churches/organizations at East End Beach or Fort Williams.

Programs-

- (Mary) **D in M**-Things are going along pretty smoothly-one group will need to be moved to a different space due to activity in the hall during their scheduled time.
- **Maintenance-** (Andy)
- State Fire Inspector has sent a letter stating St. Pius needs to have the fire alarm system inspected. This may incur cost to get the system up-graded to meet current code standards and ADA compliant. System is to be tested during the year. Andy has procedure to follow. Fire Extinguishers to be inspected once a month by Andy-will keep a log. Mary will call ADA about Federal funds that may be available for up-grade.
- Andy is in the process of getting quotes for alarm system project. So far has contacted Protection One and Simplex.
- A bucket of calcium will be left just inside the annex doors for people to spread on the outside steps if they ice up.
- Joe Desimone has a friend who has offered to put up plastic insulate on the windows in the sacristy for free-that's great Joe! Let's get it done asap.

Fund Raising (Joan)

- 50/50-begin to sell tickets in March. Will have 6 weeks to sell the tickets. The drawing will start April 27, 2009 and will continue for 17 weeks If we sell \$20,000 worth of tickets the weekly drawing will be approx. \$588. Added incentive: person who sells the most tickets will get 10 free tickets added to the drawing. Envelope of 10 tickets will be handed out after Masses. Andy will print up the tickets with space for persons name and phone number and sellers name and phone number.
- Parish Bottle Drive: made \$125.
- Joan proposed we get parish Clynk bags and give them to parishioners to fill and either return to Hannaford's or to St. Pius. Easy money! Joan gave out bags to council members. Joan will come to parish office and help prepare bags, bulletin and lector announcement.
- Nothing shared about murder mystery fundraiser that was brought up last month

- It's been decided to hold off on the SCRIPT idea until Joe can find someone who is willing to do the administrative end of the project.

Religious Education- (Sandy Litcher)

- Children's Mass on March 1st was well attended
- Grades K-3 made Valentine Cards for the homebound. Sandy received several thank you notes from people which she shared with the children
- Sandy met with Pam Fogg from St. Joseph's to divide up the sacrament class for the two celebrations on May 2, 2009. 2PM group has 48 students and the 5:30 group has 45 students.
- There are 2 more sacrament classes to complete. An extra 15 minutes has been added to each class because of class cancelations due to Monday snow storms. A reception will be held in the St. Patrick's hall.

Other Business

- A Lenten Penance service will take place on April 1, 2009 at St. Pius X at 7PM
- A "Cooking For Crowds" food safety workshop registration form was given to Paul Leblond to share with parishioners at St. Patrick's who will be cooking their church suppers. Several members of the St. Pius crew have attended the workshop and said it was quite helpful.
- Use hall to market our parish. Print up brochures and leave in the hall, print placemats to use at parish suppers...

Next meeting- Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7PM St. Pius hall.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 03/23/09