

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting
June 4, 2009**

Attendees: Mary Senore, Sandy Litcher, Andy Litcher, Fr. Lafontaine, Tony Doman, Joan Beal, Leo Hurtubise, Theresa Cornell, Mary Gordon, Jean Landry, Joe Desimone, James King, Bob O'Brien

Excused: Paul Leblond, Jean Leonard

Absent: Jim Banks, Jeanne McKew

Opening Prayer: Prayer of St Francis Ignatius Loyola

Minutes from May meeting accepted with amendments

Finance- (Bob O'Brien) -

- ref. handout: As of our fiscal year end St. Pius is down \$20,000. Revenue is equal to last year. Overall the parish raised more through fundraising efforts but collected less in offertory. Our investment fund is still not doing well-as goes the rest of the country. The Finance committee met last week to do the budget. There is an increase in amount needed through offertory and special events in order to balance the budget. We are now down one part-time employee (Peter gave notice and is done the end of the month after 28 years of service) which was not figured into the new budget at this time. Bob will make the adjustment.

Fundraising-

- Discussion as to more **special events** for fundraising in the coming year. Mary Senore will continue to look into mystery dinner idea, 50/50 very successful. Will implement again next year along with the holiday raffle and calendar raffle . in the fall.
- Amount brought in from the **50/50** by the end of April was \$11,450 making the weekly payout for 17 weeks \$336.76. An additional \$70 worth of 50/50 tickets were sold after the April deadline so there will be a bonus week payout of \$35.
- St. **Pius Clynk program** is averaging about \$100 per month.
- **Fund raising event** through Flatbread, O'Naturals and the Gold Room Comedy night were other suggestions.

Old Business-

- **Fire Alarm installation** will be complete by the end of June.
- **Estimates** for the work to be done on the driveway have come in between \$2,300 and \$2,885. Andy reported that the city of Portland is scheduled to do road

work on Ocean Avenue sometime this summer. There is concern that if we did any work to the driveways prior to the city road work things could get messed up. Andy will call to see if he can find out when public works plan to do the Ocean Ave. road work and will also inquire as to who got the bid-perhaps enabling us to approach them for a bid to do our driveway.

- Tony brought in the **plaque from Habitat** for Humanity-The Golden House Award-presented to St. Pius X Church in recognition of our service in the interfaith build. Mary will find a home for the plaque somewhere in the church or hall building.
- Notices for **pastoral council nominations** will begin running in the bulletin beginning in July. Four new people are need for the council 3-three year terms and 1-two year term. Ballots will go out as bulletin inserts the last weekend of July. Tony was elected to remain president of the council for next year. Discussion of possible candidates took place. Question of why no retired people serve on the council came up.
- **Maintenance-**
- As stated earlier **Peter Knapp** has completed employment at St. Pius as of the end of May.
- **Barry Eastman** will be completing employment at St. Patrick's the end of the month. (If you wish more information on this matter please see Fr. Lafontaine).
- The hiring committee at St. Patrick's is looking at hiring a new maintenance person full-time and sharing that person with St. Pius 6-8 hours a week to help with the tasks done by Peter.
- A **plaque** will be made and given to Peter for his years of service at St. Pius. Mary will take care of this.

Religious Education- (Sandy Litcher)

- Sandy is getting ready to prepare the schedule for next year-as soon as Portland Public Schools publishes their **2009-2010 schedule** she will get religious ed. In order. Sandy met with Pam Fogg (St. Joseph's) to discuss dates for 1st Communion/Confirmation for next year. Hoping for the first weekend in May; preferably morning. Pam will write/send the letter of request to the Bishop.

Other Business

- **Communication cards** in the pews can be used as suggestion cards. Mary will publish this announcement from time to time in the lector notes. People are utilizing the pew cards. Very helpful to both parishioners and the office.
- **St. Bridig** passed their budget for the upcoming school year. Based on enrollment of 330. Currently at 300.
- **Question** came up as to why the St. Brigid principle, Lori Lee, was a no show for coming to the cluster churches and thanking them for their financial support to the school and sharing what is happening at St. Brigid's with the parishioners. No excuse really. Council members stated it was important to have someone from the school to come to all the Masses before summer arrives. Theresa said she would talk with Mrs. Russo (business manager at the school) to see if she could come. Members were satisfied with that.
- It was suggested to add St. Brigid newsletter to website

Closing Prayer- Prayer For The Present Moment

Next meeting- Thursday, August 6, 2009

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 03/23/09