

**Minutes St. Pius X Pastoral Council Meeting
August 9, 2009**

Attendees: Fr. Lafontaine, Jean Landry, Tony Doman, Sandy Litcher, Andy Litcher, Jean Leonard, Joan Beal, Mary Gordon, Bob O'Brien, Joe Desimon

Excused: Paul Leblond, Jeanne McKew

Absent: Jim Banks, James King

Opening Prayer: Our Father

Minutes from June meeting- accepted as is

Finance- (Bob O'Brien)-

- Bulletin insert was in last week's bulletin. No one heard any feedback about it. Joe suggested that a few terms could be changed to make the information on the financial insert a bit more users friendly to us common folk such as stoles fees and parish commissions.

Fundraising-

- We will be doing a **fall 50/50**. We will begin selling tickets from August 29 through the end of December. We will pull names the months of Oct., Nov., up 'til the week before Christmas when a double prize drawing will be pulled for that week.
- **Clynk** is bringing in about \$100.00 per month-very successful.
- Have decided to do **seasonal 50/50's**- fall, Spring Winter.
- Keeping our **holiday raffle for winter, pumpkin sale** will happen on September 29 weekend along with **the Portland Nursery School yard sale** and the first **church supper** of the season. Busy weekend!
- Tony is going to call about fund raising information on **the Gold Room** -comedy club. He will also follow up with Mary Senore about the **dinner theatre**-council members likes the concept of this one.
- Mary G. is going to get in touch with Joan at St. Joseph's to find out about the refrigerator magnets they do with the Mass times on them. We are thinking of doing a cluster magnet with Mass times for all 3 churches listed.

Old Business-

- **Fire Alarm installation** is completed. Just waiting on the new work cell phones to get the phone numbers to list on the 'will call' forms.

- **Lockbox needed** for fire department in case alarm system goes off and no one is available to open the building **Clynk money** to be used to purchase lockbox and announcement in the bulletin to let parishioners know how the bottle money is helping our parish.
- Andy has been changing the lights in the hall to T8's (more efficient) Cost is \$1500.00 to change all the lights in the hall & annex; not including labor. We can get grant money up to \$1000.00 to go toward the purchase of new lights. Will see a break even point in 3 years.
- Air conditioner in the annex classroom needs to be replaced. Andy will be shopping around for the best buy of a 1200 BTU air conditioner. Tony will check with the Re-Store for AC's and their prices.
- Church roof-Dicon came after the LAST storm with hard rain and found the flashing had pulled away from the questionable area. Mended the flashing and things seem to be okay. If any problems occur during the next rain they will do their best to get here in time to see the leaking.

Religious Education- (Sandy Litcher)

- Dates for registration will be running in the bulletin beginning this weekend. Sandy has mailed letters to all 45 families that registered last year along with any children who had been baptized at St. Pius/ St. Patrick's that are now of school age.
- September 20, 2009 at 9AM will be the first Children's Mass of the season. Sandy will do a write up for the bulletin and lector notes and Mary will use this information to make a flyer for the bulletin and church bulletin board.
- September 20, 2009 9AM Mass is also the 'blessing of teachers' followed by a meeting of catechetics/teachers in the hall after Mass. Donuts and coffee will be served.
- Fellowship will begin September 20, 2009 after the 9AM Mass. Joan will be sending out a call for volunteers to help with this ministry.
- Sandy made a plea on behalf of Kathy Hansen student exchange coordinator. Mary will add information to the lector notes and board for this weekend.

Other Business

- **Nominations-** ballot results for the 3 positions needed for the 3 year term are: Laurie Pietroski, Lean

Leonard and Jesse Senore. All 3 recommended to Fr. Lafontaine who has accepted the recommendations. All 3 candidates have accepted the position. James Katsiaficas has been recommended for the 2-Year term. Fr. Lafontaine accepted the recommendation. Waiting to hear back from Mr. Katsiaficas as to his acceptance to the council position.

- **Growing the parish** (Jean Leonard) No interest in Peace & Social Justice. After attending a conference Jean learned that this needs to be a grass roots effort for the congregation not from the pulpit or it is not successful. Tony offered to introduce Jean to Bill Davis a former St. Pius parishioner and Social Justice chairman-the next time they are at the Soup Kitchen together.
- Pictures will be taken of council members at the September council meeting to be put up on the church bulletin board so parishioners can recognize who the council members are. I believe Andy will be bringing his camera?
- Tony brought up having a Blessing of our Pets; like St. Joseph's- I lost rack of what was decided on this. Sorry-anyone remember?

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Closing Prayer-

Next meeting- Thursday, September 3, 2009

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Gordon 08/18/09