

St. Pius X Catholic Church – Appleton, WI
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Attendees: Jean Coffey, Karen Dickrell, Jeff Engel, Fr. Tom Farrell, Miles Girouard, John Heidenga, Bob Lang, Mary Mares, Mary Sullivan, Brian Van Boxtel, John Wingert

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mary Sullivan and began with an opening prayer by the group.

The minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 were reviewed and approved without changes.

I. Old Business

Pastor's Update

- 1 Fr. Tom advised that communication of the Diocese of Green Bay Bishop's Appeal Fund Drive will occur at all Masses on the weekend of January 26th/27th. The 2008 goal for St. Pius X Parish (SPX) is \$96,000 which includes a 6% increase versus the 2007 objective.
- 2 An appeal is planned for February to announce a one-time fundraising event to pay off the remaining balance of the SPX capital debt. It has been proposed that a request for a donation of \$207 from 1000 Parish members/families be made which would result in the ability to pay off the remaining amount of money owed for the most recent facilities expansion. A specially designed appreciation ribbon would be given to each donor of the \$207 (or more) amount. Additional activities, including the unveiling of a framed SPX facilities portrait, were discussed as part of a celebration once the debt has been completely paid.
- 3 Catholic Schools week is scheduled for next week; January 28th – February 1st.

Team and Liaison Reports

- 3 **Liturgy:** No report. Contact has not yet been made from the Liturgy Committee to the PPC Liaisons (Barb Lauer and John Heidenga) concerning when the next Committee meeting will be held. Mary Sullivan will follow-up with Marie Ruffner.
- 4 **Finance:** Miles Girouard reported that the Finance Committee discussed the Annual Parish Picnic Fundraiser. A review of the 2007 Picnic and what could be done to improve the event were reviewed. This included idea generation for the Friday night specific activities during the Picnic weekend. The issue of consistently getting additional, new volunteers to help with Picnic functions was reviewed. It was highlighted that as a result of the recent survey and commitment request to Parishioners with children in SPX School, Xavier High School and Faith Formation that approximately 70 names of volunteers have been identified for Picnic support.

Other Items

- 5 Karen Dickrell asked for an update on the status of the suggestion to add the schedule of the various liturgical music groups by Mass times to the weekly Parish Bulletin. Mary Sullivan advised that she had communicated the request to do this but would follow-up on the implementation.
- 6 A sign-up sheet for volunteers to help in serving coffee and doughnuts after Sunday Masses in February was passed around to the PPC members. Mary Sullivan requested that each member sign up for at least one Mass time during the

month.

II. New Business

- 7 Goal Setting Sub-Group Breakouts – the initial suggestion was to break into the three 2007/2008 PPC Goals Groups and conduct a goal setting exercise :
 1. A sortable Parish directory
 2. Comprehensive list of volunteers/involvement opportunities
 3. Recruitment/Enrollment plan for new members, new student families and existing Parish members.

A more general dialogue then ensued concerning the process to make the information/tools developed as a result of these objectives readily available to the groups that are organizing Parish activities and require manpower resources. The current difficulty being experienced in finding volunteers to help with the upcoming Parish Breakfast was used as an example. The potential to refresh Sr. Shawn's database of volunteers by annually re-surveying Parish members' time and talent was suggested as one solution. Another suggestion included providing specific pre-defined assignments to Confirmation candidates and Faith Formation participants to fulfill their service hour commitment requirements allowing them to be ready resources to be accessed by the groups needing volunteers.

Additional follow-up discussions on the process to more specifically define the actions associated with these three goals, implementation plans and ease of accessibility will be included as part of the content of the next PPC Retreat.

- 8 Mary Sullivan provided a reminder of Mid-winter PPC Retreat – Scheduled for Saturday, February 9th immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

III. Adjournment

- 9 Closing was prayer conducted by the group.
- 10 The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p..m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Heidenga