

St. Pius X Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2010

Present: Karen Dickrell, Fr. Tom Farrell, Leon Thiel, Rick Ossanna, Tim Poremba, Lynn Zinkgraf, Mary Mares, Val Revnew, Rob Sims, Carla Riedle, Fr. Andy Kysely, Sandy & Bill Rogers, and Chris Sitzmann.

Absent: Jean Coffey & Brian Schwartz

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Minutes from last meeting (January minutes) reviewed and approved.
- III. Pastor's Report:
 - a. The funeral for Father Mike O'Rourke from St. Mary's is scheduled for Friday February 26, 2010 at 11 am. What is known at this point is that Father Mike was walking home from a homeless shelter when he slipped and fell.
 - b. Update from Fr. Tom. There has been an approval to update the sign in front of the church with money collected with second collections.
 - c. Discussion took place regarding improving the communication between the finance committee and the parish council. A request is going to be made to Chuck Agnew and the finance committee chair to request the parish council be given notice of upcoming events/fund raising campaigns prior to announcements going out to parish as a whole and being placed in bulletin. The insert in the latest bulletin regarding a request for additional funds to avoid a shortfall came as a surprise to parish council members who were serving Sunday morning doughnuts. This left council members short on information to answer questions of parish members. The reason for the potential shortfall this year is a result of increase insurance costs and the bishop appeal and less sacrificial giving.
- IV. Liaison Reports:
 - a. Leon Thiel – Respect Life – there was a meeting, but Leon was unable to attend. The topic of reevaluating where monthly givings was raised and is unsure whether the committee took up the issue or not.
 - b. Rick Ossanna – Technology – the committee had a meeting 2/22/10.
 - c. TBCE – concern was expressed that the committee seems to be overlapping with Stewardship and Parish Council. Discussion was had in regards to the original intent of the committee to integrate adult enrichment, faith formation, and the day school. This will likely be raised at the next TBCE meeting.
 - d. Stewardship Committee – the Catholic Come Home Ads have been running and bringing people into the church. Generally group consensus was it was good to run the ads during the Olympics. Discussion was had about emailing Sister Shawn to boost the hospitality committees and greeters in order to maximize positive impact on people returning to church.

- e. Mary Mares-Parish Fest – still haven't found a replacement for Jeff Wydeven. The first meeting has been held. There are also several openings within the committee that need to be filled.
 - i. Jeff has been able to get the committee started, but he will not be able to attend.
 - ii. Assistance is needed in being in charge of the raffle sales.
 - iii. Assistance is needed in running bingo.
 - iv. Assistance is needed in marketing for the event, covering the print and other announcements.
 - v. Assistance is needed in the beer tent as an additional chairperson in charge of the beer tent is being sought.
 - vi. Mary will type of the description of the openings available. She will give that to Chuck. Discussion was had about including the description and request for help in the bulletin.
 - vii. The committee is still looking for a band on Friday night.
 - viii. There will be broader food offered on Friday night.
- f. Youth – Hannah Greely (sp?) is interested in attending the council meetings, but was unable to attend the February meeting.

V. Parish Meeting Prayer

VI. New Business:

- a. Nomination and timeline for selection of Parish council members. The Trustee will be elected the weekend of May 15/16. The parish council members will be selected on Pentecost Sunday (May 23).
- b. Announcements will be placed in the bulletin requesting names for Trustee or Council members the weekends of April 17/18 & April 24/25.
- c. The Trustee election will require at least 2 candidates.
- d. The Parish Council will need 4 members for next year's Parish Council. This means that 6 names will be needed to put into a hat (at the bare minimum).
- e. Brainstorming for potential council members will be done in March. People are encouraged to think of people in CHRP, RCIA, and people who have expressed interest to Sister Shawn.
- f. Parish Council took up the issue of whether St. Pius needs to establish a pantry to serve parishioners needs. A list of the local food pantries was provided. The consensus was that a food pantry at St. Pius would split up donations to other local pantries and is not the best idea. The idea was tossed around about doing a reverse food collection to help local pantries. This is something that should be taken up with the Stewardship/Social Ministry committee.
- g. Mid-Year Review/Mid-Year Retreat. The general consensus is that holding a parish wide retreat for all committees within St. Pius was raised. The discussion of the benefits and drawbacks were had concerning holding the retreat in the spring, early summer, or early fall. The general consensus was that it was best to hold the retreat in early fall to help the committees get focused for the year. The March meeting of Parish

Council was discussed to be for strategic planning – to celebrate accomplishments and take towards the future.

VII. Closing Prayer

Submitted by Val Revnew