

## St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2010

**Present:** Jim Bischoff, Kelly Boyle, Randy Bunting, Val Enter, Debbie Gladitsch, Jack Kniprath, , Anne Lambrecht, Tim Stanoch, Pat Whalen

**Absent:** Father Hennen, Susan Kohls, Bob Pahl

**Prayer:** Led by Jack Kniprath

**Approval of February minutes:** Minutes were approved by members via e-mail and posted on the parish website. There was no meeting in March

### Parish Council Elections:

- Val will put a parish council nomination form in the bulletin for two weekends (April 24/25 and May 1/2). Parishioners may nominate themselves or someone they think would be a good council member. Bios will be posted in the bulletin for two weeks according to the PPC by-laws. Voting will take place at the Masses on the weekend of May 22/23.
- Val asked for someone to help her with the elections. Pat Whalen volunteered.
- Members to oversee each Mass on voting weekend:

5:00 pm	Randy or Deb
7:30 am	Kelly Boyle and Anne Lambrecht
9:00 am	Randy or Deb
11:00 am	Randy or Deb

### DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Educational Advisory Committee: Val Enter

- Val explained that there will be a major change in the K-6 faith formation program next fall. Since parents are the primary educators of their children and consent at their child's Baptism to be responsible for his/her faith formation, the decision has been made to use a model much like that of St. Paul Parish in Ham Lake in which the parents are given materials based on the liturgical year to instruct their children in the home. The whole family comes to the education center once a month. At that time the students meet in their classrooms with volunteer catechists and the parents meet with Father to go over the lessons that will be taught at home for the coming three weeks.
- This is a three-year series. At the end of the three years, the program starts over again with the children, now three years older, understanding at a different level.
- The program for Grades 9 and 10 will stay as it is now for the present.
- There will be a parents' information meeting on June 9, 2010.
- Tim Stanoch has heard rumors that the parish is doing this because of budget cuts to save money, but this is definitely not the case. It is being done because the current structure of Wednesday night faith formation just isn't working.
- The cost to families will be included in their tuition.
- When asked what about the Catholic School parents, Tim explained that this is still being worked out. Perhaps, they will be asked to prepare their children for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- Registration for STFX School is up for next year. Sixteen are staying on for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### Faith Formation: Tim Stanoch

- The Confirmation Rite of Sending has been moved to a special 5:00 Sunday Afternoon Mass on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation is Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Basilica of St. Mary.

- All First Communion Masses are in the church on the weekend of April 24/25. Currently the numbers are: 26 for the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass, 18 for the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and 25 for the 1:00 pm Sunday Mass
- The youth group collected nearly 900 pounds on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The middle school mission trip is full; the senior high has one person on a waiting list.

**Building and Grounds:** Randy Bunting

- The gym floor will be replaced over the summer months
- Toured another building that had replaced their gym floor. They seemed very pleased with it.
- The contractor recommended the type of floor that they had. It can be made into patterns for different games/sports.

**Parish Festival:** Debbie Gladitsch

- The parish festival now has a logo and a name: Glory Days.
- It will be held on Friday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 10 pm, Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 10 pm, and Sunday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- The parish has a contract with the Carnival and Fireworks Company.
- The festival committee has a chairperson for each of the 33 areas, but are in need of co-chairs.
- Lots of activities including a talent show, softball, volleyball, and races are being considered.

**Men's Event:**

- Randy asked the council to spread the word that Dr. David Pence, a teacher from Loyola Catholic School in Mankato, will speak about men's role in society and the church at the next men's event on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the church.
- Mass at 8:30 am followed by breakfast and Dr. Pence's presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Vision for the Parish:**

- The council continued their discussion from the last meeting on how to keep Jesus Christ as the center of our lives, our families, and our church.
- We must develop a culture of having everything we do be about Jesus Christ.
- The new faith formation model fits in perfectly with what Father and the council have been discussing over the past several months.

**Adjournment:** Anne moved and Pat seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 pm. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** May 11, 2010

**Prayer Leader:** Kelly Boyle

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Whalen, Secretary