

St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2010

Present: Father Hennen, Jim Bischoff, Kelly Boyle, Randy Bunting, Val Enter, Debbie Gladitsch, Jack Kniprath, Susan Kohls, Bob Pahl, Tim Stanoch, Pat Whalen

Prayer: Led by Val Enter

Approval of November minutes: Minutes were approved by members via e-mail and posted on the parish website.

Open mic/e-mails/phone calls:

Father was asked if we could keep a few Bibles in the Adoration Chapel. Since materials seem to disappear from the chapel, it was suggested that we place a "Please do not remove" label on the Bibles and see if that helps. Father will follow up on that suggestion.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Educational Advisory Committee: Val Enter

- A Spanish teacher has been hired for the school
- Hosted a benefit for Wade Hohol in December
- Map Testing, which measures academic progress between fall and spring, is being conducted K-8th. A grandfather of one of the students will work with teachers on how to analyze and present the information to parents.
- Marathon's goal was reached with +\$43,000. Reward earned was all school slumber party.
- Nearly 500 guests on Grandparents Day
- \$975 raised to provide for 65 families at Thanksgiving
- Sponsored two families through Rivers of Hope for Christmas
- Hosted STFX Knowledge Bowl meet with 34 teams
- Katie Eng has been hired as a Faith Formation Assistant in place of Erika Rhode who has moved out of the area.
- FF Team is gearing up for the Confirmation retreat. Three Confirmation students attained perfect scores on their tests. Tim will reward them by taking the students and their teachers out to dinner.

Finance: Jim Bischoff

- FC recommended publishing a monthly report of parish finances in the bulletin

Building and Grounds: Randy Bunting

- Van Man contractors came out to assess the buckling of the floor in Trinity Hall and the leaks in the roof. They have agreed to replace the floor in Trinity Hall during the summer. As for the leaks, they will have to come back when the roof is actually leaking.

Outreach: Bob Pahl

- Knittin' Kittens is in need of money for yarn and supplies
- No chairperson yet for Befrienders
- Food Shelf is strained with 100 families a week. STFX leads in monetary donations and volunteer hours. February 27th is the 2nd Food Shelf Gala – served by Russell's.
- Love, Inc. is in the process of organizing and selecting board members. They have office space on a 6 month lease. Hope to be operational by spring of 2010.

Liturgy: Kelly Boyle

- Sue Evans is replacing Chris Muntifer as Lector chairperson.
- Toni Diem would like more people to participate by singing during the Masses.
- Approximately 30 Eucharistic Ministers were taken off the schedule because they did not participate in Ministry training.

Adult Faith Formation Committee: Pat Whalen

- **Alpha** – 24 parishioners attended the Holy Spirit Weekend in Chaska. Alpha will begin again next fall with a core team under the leadership of Ann DeWolfe and Josh Hance.
- **Covenant of Love** - Twenty-two persons attended the first session of Covenant of Love on Friday night, January 8th, from 7-9 in the parish hall. The next meeting is February 8th. Deacon Sherman Otto will speak on “Marriage in God’s Plan”.
- **Revelation** - This ten-week Scripture course was completed on December 17th, but will run again starting in mid-March on Thursday mornings and Sunday evenings when the Epic Program is finished.
- **Epic** - an on-going course in church history. Some participants are feeling a little overwhelmed because there is so much material and the speaker moves through it so quickly.
- **Catholicism 101** – a class for adults offered on Wednesday nights during faith formation has been averaging 20-25 people, not always the same people. Since the video takes all of the allotted time, there is no time for discussion.
- **Advent Talks:** Very good attendance. It was also a good chance for fellowship – mixing people from different Masses. The same format will be used for Lenten talks on the Mass beginning Saturday, February 20th, in the parish hall.
- **Men’s Group:** Discussion on the book, Be A Man by Father Larry Richards and preparation of the readings for the coming weekend Masses. Includes coffee, breakfast, and fellowship. Somewhere between 6-13 men meet every Tuesday morning at 6:30 am in the parish hall.
- **Cana Dinner:** Saturday, January 30th, from 6:00-8:30 pm in parish hall with Bishop Lee Piche as the speaker. Tickets are on sale in the parish office and will be sold after all the Masses the next two weekends.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Capital Campaign:** Final meeting of the Capital Campaign Committee was January 11th. 421 parishioners have signed a pledge card to date. 75 said they would not sign. Those who have not responded will be contacted.
- **“Catholics Returning Home”** - had the first meeting on January 7th with about ten people attending from Buffalo and surrounding areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council spent the remainder of the meeting discussing the last three chapters of the book, Reclaim the Fire, by Rev. Martin Pable. Val handed out an evangelization survey and asked that the council members choose for discussion at the next meeting the top three areas of evangelization that they think our parish needs to implement in the coming year.

Adjournment: Jim moved and Bob seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2010

Prayer Leader: Randy Bunting

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Whalen, Secretary