

## St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 9, 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 Randy Bunting

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

### DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Educational Advisory Committee:** Tim Stanoch

- The committee is studying the EAC by-laws
- The school staff is working on accreditation

**Faith Formation:** Tim Stanoch

- Held confirmation retreat on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Calls coming in already about choice of First Communion Mass. Requests for Masses will begin at First Reconciliation.

**Finance:** Jim Bischoff

- Budget deficit of \$120,000.
- Capital Campaign only brought in enough to cover the mortgage interest and reserve fund.
- Insurance premium rose from \$4500 to \$10,000 this year.

**Outreach:** Bob Pahl

- **Knittin' Kittens** is in need of members who knit or crochet. Also invite card players to play 500 on the fourth Wednesday in the parish hall.
- **Befrienders** - no chairperson yet
- **Food Shelf** is experiencing an overwhelming demand. February 27<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Food Shelf Gala catered by Russell's. All proceeds go for the food shelf operating costs.
- **Love, Inc.** is in the process of organizing and selecting board members. They have leased office space from Setterberg Jewelers for \$100/month, but Setterbergs has a concern about their liability if a burglary were to be committed through the space Love, Inc. is renting from them. National Conference for Love, Inc. is April 25/26 at the Hilton Hotel.

**Liturgy:** Kelly Boyle

- Sue Evans is replacing Chris Muntiferung as Lector chairperson.
- Tracy Colson has resigned as coordinator of the altar servers. Father Hennen is currently doing the training and scheduling.
- The Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned at the February 13/14 Masses. On the same weekend, Father will give a boost for Eucharistic Adoration.
- Tuesday night, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the committee will set up for Ash Wednesday

**Adult Faith Formation Committee:** Pat Whalen

- **Cana Dinner:** was held on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, in parish hall with Bishop Lee Piche as the speaker. 64 tickets were sold.
- **Alpha** – one of the Alpha groups is continuing to meet in the homes of the participants using the "A Life Worth Living" tapes.
- **Covenant of Love** - The next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Sherman Otto will speak on "Marriage in God's Plan".
- **Marriage Course:** Becky Berndt has five couples in the core group to plan next year's program, but would like at least two more because the demand for child care is so great.
- **Epic** is still in progress. Revelation will begin again when Epic finishes in March.

- **Lenten Talks** – begin Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:00 Mass. Coffee, juice, and breakfast breads will be served by members of the AFFC.
- **Catholics Returning Home** – Eight Catholics that have been away from the Catholic Church for awhile consistently attend. A few people attend because they have family members that are away from the church. Most of the participants are from surrounding communities. Will possibly offer the program again before Easter.
- **Vision of Vatican II:** Father is previewing this new DVD series in hopes that this program on the church can be offered next fall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Capital Campaign Update:** Father Hennen

- Last reminder notice has been sent out.
- Approximately 1.2 million has been pledged.
- Father is following up with a few people.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Parish Financials:** Father Hennen

- Expenses up this year for utilities, insurance, and sub-teachers
- Christmas collection fell below what was expected because of winter storm.
- Discussion centered on how to meet budget demands
- People have been asking where the money is coming from for a three-day parish festival event. Deb Gladitsch explained that the parish will budget for it and it will be in a new fiscal year. She also explained that the carnival is contracted, not rented.

**Vision for the Parish:** Father Hennen

- Jesus Christ must be the center and main focus of the parish life. We must develop a culture of having everything we do be about Jesus Christ.
- Father would like to zero in on the family first in our evangelization efforts.
- He passed out a diagram with Jesus Christ in the center circle, family in the larger congruent circle, and smaller circles representing all the areas of family life intersecting the family circle. He asked for discussion on how we, as a parish, can help families integrate the components of their daily life to Jesus Christ in the center.
- Some of the ideas discussed were:
  - the challenges in family life today as compared to fifty years ago
  - culture of youth sports that take the family in all directions
  - start with moms because they are the “spiritual glue” of the family
  - people are searching for meaning in their lives
  - perpetual adoration is beginning to impact people’s lives
  - don’t need parish programs that draw families away from home
  - the best way to evangelize is through example
  - our efforts are fruitless unless there is an interior conversion of heart, not just external compliance to demands

The council will take the diagram home and bring back ideas about how to integrate family life with Jesus Christ as the center to the next meeting

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

**Next Meeting:** March 9, 2010

**Prayer Leader:** Jack Kniprath

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Whalen, Secretary