

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2010

A pastoral council meeting was held Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Fr. Duchschere, Karen Benjamin, John Clark, John Cyr, Robyn Hoffmann, Judy Kubalak, Roxanne Madson, Jolean Pederson, Scott Selzler, Steve Valenti, Ron Ward, Mike Wurzer, and Dawn Zook. Members absent: Mark Brenner, Scott Hennen, Mike Hill, and Job Lado. Also in attendance: Lee Mayer and Connie Dulany.

Fr. Duchschere began the meeting with a special blessing for committee members and instruction of the newly-elected members. Roxanne Madson made a motion that the February 2, 2010 minutes be approved, Robyn Hoffmann seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous approval.

Lee Mayer reported that expenditures have been made to upgrade the router for better protection of our computer system and additional features needed. He feels these were improvements well worth the expense. We currently have a loan for the building fund with the diocese for \$2.193 million.

A lengthy discussion was held on the facility use policy as it relates to serving alcohol. The discussion allowed members to express their views on the positive and negative points. The policy will be reviewed as needed and revisions made when deemed necessary. Judy Kubalak made a motion that the current facility use policy be approved as written for approved events, Scott Selzler seconded the motion. Eight council members approved the motion and no one objected to the motion.

Fr. Duchschere asked the council for their opinion on the matter of approving requests to use our facility for fundraising events for non-parishioners. After discussion, it was the council's recommendation that events be limited to parishioners only. Roxanne Madson shared that holding a benefit for a parishioner allows a parish a sense of family involvement.

An idea has surfaced on how we might better donate food to local food pantries. Twice a year brown bags (with shopping lists attached) will be distributed after Mass and the following weekend the filled bags will be returned to the gathering space. The shopping list will contain specific items needed. The Thanksgiving Day and weekend second collection will be donated to local agencies. These events will provide parishioners with opportunities to care for those in need and hopefully spark renewed interest. Our monthly food drive will be discontinued.

The first parish ministry fair will be held on April 10-11, 2010.

Ron Ward shared with the council a request that has been made by a Boy Scout troop to sell Christmas trees on our property. He was asked to gather more information on this, i.e., how would this be done, what dates/hours, where on the property. He will provide more information at our next council meeting.

Various items were added to the agenda: more hymnals will be purchased in time for Advent; the Knights of Columbus, Christian Women's Group, and parish will share the cost of purchasing a coffee maker for the kitchen; the crucifix is not finished and an exact date is not known; the tabernacle should arrive within the next two months; the sound system is improving; and Eucharist Ministers of Holy Communion distributing the Precious Blood will be asked to stand further away from those distributing the Precious Body.

Father concluded the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dulany, Recording Secretary