

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2010

A pastoral council meeting was held Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Fr. Duchschere, Mark Brenner, Scott Hennen, Mike Hill, Robyn Hoffmann, Roxanne Madson, Jolean Pederson, Ron Ward and Mike Wurzer. Members absent: John Cyr, Judy Kubalak, Job Lado and Steve Valenti. Also in attendance: Lee Mayer and Connie Dulany.

Fr. Duchschere began the meeting with prayer. Robyn Hoffmann made a motion that the January 5, 2010 minutes be approved, Roxanne Madson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous approval.

Lee Mayer reported that further discussion is taking place on the proper publishing of offertory income and expenses and financial report. He will update the council at a future meeting. He corrected the year-end balance figure and gave the final report on the fall raffle profit. He is currently posting the stewardship pledge cards. There is an increase in the number returned this year as well as an increase in the number of parishioners electing to use credit card or bank withdrawal as their form of payment.

Fr. Duchschere shared with the council that construction is coming to a close; the workers will have their equipment moved out by Thursday night; some work will need to be completed after the dedication Mass, but that will be manageable. Men from the parish will be asked to help clean the church on Tuesday evening, February 9.

The capital campaign committee has recently met to discuss efforts to raise the additional \$1.5 million needed to complete the church. Members who have yet to make a pledge as well as new members will be contacted.

Fr. Duchschere explained that the parish survey intended to be taken last fall was delayed with the resignation of Fr. Bachmeier. Fr. Duchschere plans to discuss this survey in the future with the council, he feels waiting until next fall would be a good idea. This will give us several months in the new church before gathering input from the survey, as well as time for him to become familiar with the parish.

It was discussed that minutes of the pastoral council should be available to the parish. It was suggested that minutes be posted on the web site. Ron Ward made a motion to place future minutes on the parish website, Mike Hill seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous approval.

Fr. Duchschere visited with the council on the parish baptism policy. After a good discussion, it was the recommendation of the pastor that parents seeking to have their child baptized should attend baptism classes for each child. A letter from the pastor of the Catholic godparents stating they are in good standing in their parish and an eligibility certificate completed by the Catholic godparents will be requested. The council voiced their support of this decision and encouraged Father to adjust our current baptism policy. This updated information will also be posted on the website under the sacrament link. Ron Ward asked if baptisms will take place during Mass once we are in the church. Fr. Duchschere would expect this to occur on occasion.

The Bishop has informed all pastors in the Diocese of Fargo that parishes will participate in a stewardship appeal program. We were give permission to postpone ours until the fall of 2010. Fr. Duchschere will inform the company hired to conduct the appeal that our parish will begin in October, 2010. It was the recommendation of the council that this effort have oversight by the pastoral council.

Dates were set and members of the council formed a nominating subcommittee for upcoming

nominations/elections of new members to the pastoral council. John Cyr, Robyn Hoffmann, Roxanne Madson and Steve Valenti have completed their three-year term. A slate of eight candidates will be created to replace these four members.

Fr. Duchschere shared with the council that he would like to see a parish ministry fair held this spring in lieu of our time and talent survey. He would like representatives from all parish ministries, groups/ organizations/programs to be available to discuss/explain their mission giving parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and decide where they would like to become involved. This is scheduled for the weekend of April 10-11.

Pastoral council members were asked to help with the clean up of the reception following the dedication Mass next week.

Father concluded the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dulany, Recording Secretary