

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2010

A meeting of the Pastoral Council was held Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Fr. Duchschere, Fr. Okafor, Mark Brenner, John Cyr, Scott Hennen, Mike Hill, Robyn Hoffmann, Judy Kubalak, Job Lado, Roxanne Madson, Jolean Pederson, Steve Valenti and Ron Ward. Member absent: Mike Wurzer. Also in attendance: Deacon Eblen, Lee Mayer and Connie Dulany.

Fr. Duchschere began the meeting with prayer. Introductions of Fr. Duchschere and council members were done. Mark Brenner asked for clarification of inclusion of operating costs in the weekly bulletin, it was agreed that this would be added to the stewardship box of the bulletin. Roxanne Madson inquired about the parish survey and that will be discussed at the next meeting. Ron Ward made a motion that the October 6, 2009 minutes be approved, Robyn Hoffmann seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous approval.

Lee Mayer reported that funds have been running behind since July. Funds are now \$80,000 ahead. December was a good month.

The building fund took in \$900,000 in December. Some pledges not yet due have been paid, which is a big help.

Stewardship giving is up in both ACH and credit card by the number of parishioners as well as increases from current givers.

Fr. Duchschere gave an update on construction; the adoration chapel altar is being assembled, the mural is going up in the sanctuary, the main altar, ambo, sound system and pews are being installed. Thursday, February 11, 2010 is the date of the dedication Mass.

A three-year comparison of the fall festival was reviewed. Steve Valenti, chairperson of the fall festival, shared that it was another successful festival. He thanked the subcommittee chairpersons. He would consider chairing the event next year. Lee stated that the raffle raised \$23,000 for the sound system, an additional \$29,000 for the building fund and more funds have come in. A total amount is forthcoming. Roxanne Madson shared a comment she received from a family; the price of the games is too high. It was suggested that the price of games be made more affordable next year.

This year's parish picnic will be held on the parish feast day, Monday, July 26, 2010. Rheault Farm will be the location and Lee will reserve it this week.

Fr. Duchschere discussed revisions to the wedding policy. Membership status was discussed. The length of membership and the time frame for requesting a wedding date was determined. It will be the policy of the parish that couples living together will meet with the pastor before a wedding date will be granted. Council members present voiced strong support to Fr. Duchschere's desire that couples be instructed on the church's teaching on marriage and encouraged to live according to those teachings. This new policy will be in the bulletin, placed on the website and included in an upcoming homily.

Ron Ward gave an update on Ryan Mayer's medical condition. The Knights of Columbus and CoBank (Ryan's employer) will sponsor a benefit dinner on February 28, 2010. They have asked to use the social hall and kitchen for this event.

John Cyr made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Hill and approved by all present. The meeting closed with prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Dulany, Recording Secretary