

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2010

A pastoral council meeting was held Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Fr. Duchschere, Fr. Gunwall, Karen Benjamin, Mark Brenner, John Clark, Scott Hennen, Mike Hill, Job Lado, Jolean Pederson, Ron Ward, and Dawn Zook. Members absent: Judy Kubalak, Scott Selzler, and Mike Wurzer. Also in attendance: Lee Mayer and Connie Dulany.

The meeting began with prayer led by Fr. Gunwall. Mark Brenner asked if there were any corrections to the April 10, 2010 minutes, none were indicated. Ron Ward made a motion, seconded by Mike Hill that said minutes be approved.

Lee Mayer gave a financial status update. The Finance Council has begun the process of approving the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2010). One positive outcome of last year's budget is that the \$85,000 budgeted for heating will be closer to \$55,000; a nice savings to the parish. Lee met this afternoon with the utility company to be informed on an upcoming rate increase. He feels we will be in good shape due to our shared-generator use with Shanley High School. At the present time, 153 parish families use either credit card or automatic bank withdrawals for their monthly giving. This averages \$22,000 per month in income (about 30% of total giving).

Fr. Duchschere shared with the council that the tabernacle will arrive this week for installation. The crucifix is nearly complete, but a definite arrival date has yet to be determined. The remaining stain glass windows are expected to arrive by late June. Father would like to see the Maternal and Healing Shrines completed soon so they can be used for prayer and devotion. The KC's will be completing the Paternal Shrine. It is hoped that each shrine will have its own votive candle stand. Benches have been built for the Grief Shrine and additional benches will be built for other shrines. At some time a statue of St. Bakhita will be bought and placed in the Shrine of Nations.

Mechanical quirks have been addressed and resolved. The sound system continues to be tweaked for better sound quality. One area that could be improved is the adjustment of the microphone between readers. If a reader is tall and then a shorter reader follows, the microphone needs to be lowered to pick up their voice as they look down to read. This will be stressed at future trainings. Work on the landscaping has begun, the sprinkler system will be installed and then the lawn and plantings will be done. There have been some roof leaking issues, flashing has been replaced and it appears to be fixed. Scott Hennen, Jolean Pederson, and Ron Ward will be the subcommittee for the pastoral council to work with the KC's and Christian Women's Group to host the annual parish picnic scheduled for Monday, July 26 at Rheault Farm.

Ron Ward shared with the council that the request by the Boy Scout troop to sell Christmas trees on our property remains ongoing. They have the fencing, signs, and parental involvement needed. It is likely they will begin sales Thanksgiving weekend and run until trees are sold out. They plan to start with a small order this first year. Ron will keep the council informed as plans are finalized.

Ron gave an update on the success of the first movie night hosted by the KC's. The movie *Joseph of Nazareth* was shown. The social hall was a great setting, along with the popcorn maker. The KC's plan to schedule more movie nights, but feel the winter months are best.

Fr. Duchschere expressed his desire that events be held for the parish now that the social hall is available. He hopes that our own events get scheduled well enough in advance and placed on the master calendar before an outside group requests use of the social hall and our own event can't be held. A portable dance floor has been purchased for wedding receptions, father/daughter-mother/son dances, or dance lessons.

Fr. Gunwall announced the upcoming Mass to end the year of the priest. It will be held at Sts. Anne & Joachim and will be followed with dinner provided by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus. This is

open to all.

Mark Brenner reported that at the last deanery meeting suggestions were requested on how to best utilize Cardinal Muench Seminary in the future. The practice of fasting was also discussed. This is something that needs to be explained, introduced, and encouraged to Catholics. Fasting can and should be practiced year round, not only during the season of Lent.

Fr. Gunwall concluded the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dulany, Recording Secretary