

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2011

A pastoral council meeting was held Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Fr. Duchschere, Karen Benjamin, Brenda Breen, Mark Brenner, John Clark, Mike Hill, Judy Kubalak, Ben Seitz, Scott Selzler, Mike Wurzer, Dawn Zook. Members absent: Katie Dubas, Scott Hennen, Job Lado, Jolean Pederson, Katie Traynor, Ron Ward. Also in attendance: Lee Mayer, business manager and Connie Dulany, recording secretary.

Fr. Duchschere began the meeting with prayer. Commissioning of new members will be done at the June meeting since some of the new members were unable to attend this meeting. Mark Brenner asked if there were any additional items for the agenda and two additional items were added. John Clark made a motion to approve the February 2011 minutes, seconded by Judy Kubalak, said minutes were approved.

Lee Mayer reported that he is in the process of converting to the new finance program required by the diocese. As reported, the Cuneen stewardship campaign was successful. The general fund is higher than usual for this time of year. Review of the annual budget is ongoing; one account that will for sure need to be increased is the energy account. Fr. Duchschere shared that the capital campaign has slowed down and that he feels it's time to wrap up efforts. A final meeting will be held in May.

As part of the survey review the status of the welcoming committee as inquired. Karla Schell, parish secretary, works with a committee of five women who call new members to see if they have questions, to invite them to upcoming parish events and Newcomer's Sunday. New members are asked to register in person during business hours so that Karla is able to meet them in person and make sure the proper information is provided. Welcome Packets are given out at the time of registration.

A parish mission is scheduled for September 19-22, 2011 with Fr. Larry Richards.

A program for women comparable to the *That Man Is You* program is in development. Inquiry into a program for couples through this same format has been discussed, but won't be developed for awhile.

Next item for discussion was the Event Policies. Based on survey comments, Father asked members to review the policy. A lengthy discussion took place with a decision to form a subcommittee the outcome. Mike Wurzer, Mark Brenner and Scott Selzler will meet and discussed options on possible adjustments to the policy. More on this topic will be discussed in the future.

Fr. Duchschere handed out a *new parish ideas/survey issues* sheet listing items generated from the survey. For the June meeting, he'd like parish events planned for the coming year (fall through spring). He listed items that have already been addressed:

- request volunteers to form small study groups
- time and talent survey done during Mass
- better use of cry room, but not the nursery
- posting of hymn numbers

Things to be considered:

- more participation and not getting lost in the parish
- youth activities and parent involvement
- adult education corner in bulletin

Mark Brenner reported from the recent deanery meeting:

- A decision on Cardinal Muench Seminary is expected in May
- An updated deanery Mass time card will be done this fall
- A pending collection for priests has been discussed
- The annual Newman Centers (NDSU/UND) bike race is set for April 30

Father concluded the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dulany, Recording Secretary