

Sts. Anne & Joachim Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2011

A pastoral council meeting was held Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Fr. Duchschere, Karen Benjamin, Brenda Breen, John Clark, Katie Dubas, Jolean Pederson, Ben Seitz, Scott Selzler, Katie Traynor, Ron Ward, Mike Wurzer, Dawn Zook. Member absent: Job Lado. Also in attendance: Lee Mayer, business manager and Connie Dulany, recording secretary.

All members present introduced themselves to new members. Fr. Duchschere began the meeting with a blessing of the council. Mike Wurzer asked if there were any additional items for the agenda. Karen Benjamin made a motion to approve the April 2011 minutes, seconded by Jolean Pederson, no changes were made to said minutes.

Lee Mayer reported that the general fund had a \$75,000 balance at the end of May. The budget process for fiscal year 2011-2012 is near completion and things look good for the coming year. The parish will realize a savings with only two priests on staff rather than three priests. The Cuneen stewardship campaign was successful and automatic giving continues to grow in use and amount of funds generated. Lee has completed the process of converting to the new finance program required by the diocese. Fr. Duchschere shared that three summer projects are planned; fixing the cement at the main entry of the church; build a privacy fence for some of the parish equipment; and improvements to the youth center. A question was asked if a change in membership is anticipated with the recent realignment of parish boundaries in the great Fargo area. Father shared that he does not expect many to change parishes and with the current growth in our area he expects our membership to remain stable.

Karen Benjamin, Ben Seitz, Scott Selzler, Katie Traynor, and Ron Ward will serve on the parish picnic subcommittee. The parish picnic will be held on Monday, July 25, at Rheault Farm. Ron Ward has adjustments that should be made to the parish picnic notes and he will share these with Nicole Welle Nere. She will contact the subcommittee for a planning meeting in the near future. After that meeting, members of the council will be informed of their duties at the picnic.

Mike Wurzer reported to the council that he is continuing efforts on the review of the facilities agreement pertaining to use of the kitchen. He needs to contact couples of the parish who may be willing to help. No further recommendations have been made by the subcommittee.

She Shall Be Called Woman program, designed as the companion program to *That Man is You!*, is ready for use this fall. This was one suggestion from last fall's parish survey. A possible Lenten study is the *Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues* study. More on this to be discussed in the future.

Another suggestion from the parish survey was to hold parish events throughout the year. Fr. Duchschere asked members to brainstorm possible events/activities. See attached sheet.

Father concluded the meeting with prayer. Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Dulany, Recording Secretary

MONTHLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

- September** - **Bingo/Pizza/Pop Night (Saturday evening)**
- **Raking leaves service project w/potluck dinner**
- **Parish Mission**
- October** - **Fall Festival (mid-October)**
- **Movie matinee**
- November** - **Follies!**
- **Dance**
- December** - **Christmas Dinner Theatre (Saturday evening)**
- **Christmas caroling**
- January** - **Card tournament**
- **Sport event outing (Frasatti)**
- February** - **Puppet Show**
- **Couples' Night Out and youth event**
- March** - **Chili Feed/Bingo (CDA) (Saturday evening)**
- **Movie Night w/KC Fish Dinner**
- April** - **Easter Egg Hunt/Ice Cream Social**
- **Dance**