

St. Francis de Sales
Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes from the Meeting of
January 26, 2010

In Attendance, Jean Flowers, Lynn Richardson, Mark Mauter, Martin Joyce, Karen Lutze, Deb Shelly, Kelleen Albert, Marilyn Messick, Sue Grindrod, Francie Hiebel, Jim Guinta, Luke Nutter, Matt Tanner, Steve Schorger, and Father Bob

Guests: Karen Beaver

Excused: Marian Skeen, Chris Lesch, Tony Wright, Eric Wright and Nancy Shonebarger

Absent: Tonia Short

- The meeting began with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- The meeting was opened with a prayer by Jim Guinta.
- The Parish Council Mission Statement and Parish Mission Statement were read aloud by all present.
- The November 24, 2009 meeting minutes were approved by motion from Jean Flowers and Steve Schorger.
- Role call by President Mark Mauter.

Guest Speaker:

Karen Beaver shared information about the Bereavement Committee. She was pleading for help. The committee assists the family with readings and music for the Mass. If there is no family, then a member of the committee may help out. They also prepare programs; six mailings for each family throughout the year. Cards are sent out on anniversary of the death.

They have a reception after the All Souls days. She mentioned it is a blessing to see the families and to help them with their grieving process. It is a huge privilege meeting with very vulnerable people.

Follow-up is so important in this ministry. Sometimes the deceased is the only Catholic in the family and this is really a time when we can reach out to the other family members. By helping with the grieving process we can evangelize.

Pastor's report:

- There is still no one for St. Francis School Advisory Board as they meet the same time we do.
- Church in the gym is going smoothly. Discussion arose to temporarily to suspend distributing the Precious Blood thanks to a recommendation by Fr. Jeff Koenig.
- Daily Mass is going well.

- Catholic School week is going well and we received a grant so we can take 1 to 2 grades a day ice skating. We won another grant for new Dell computers in the lab; they all will be replaced. Pre-K is full. Tuition has not been set and 89% of budget is teaching salaries and benefits. Benefits have increased by \$45000 last year.
- Fifteen people went to Washington to the March of Life.
- Hospital Ministry - Fr. Bob will take Tuesday and Fr. Wilson taking Thursday. They will still leave Holy Communion to the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.
- We are prepping for Lent. Stations of the Cross will be in Johnson Hall. Ash Wednesday will have four Masses (7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7p.m.).
- We are trying to get priests to help with our mini-mission; possibly a five week series on Friday evening. Next year Fathers of Mercy will be coming back. Father is working on the Franciscan Friar of the Renewal order for the year after that.
- Fr. Bob gave Parish Council members a small tour of the work that had been completed to date in the Church. The alternate Sacristy where the ushers keep the Bulletins will be turned into a confessional so that you can go face to face or behind a wall. The closet next to it will be where the ushers will store their baskets and bulletins. The Sanctuary where the Tabernacle is will have updates including a re-polished candle holder a red candle holder. It will be painted the same color as the Day Chapel. The carpet in the Sanctuary will be tan, with a darker accent trim. The new kneelers are much lighter and will be padded in a dark red color. A decision was made not to remove center section due to a draft coming through the middle of the Church. Off white beige marble tile 16 inch square was shown for the entrance to the church. The Tabernacle will not be moved to the center of the Sanctuary due to some costs.
- Fr. Bob will be placing a sign by the Pearl street side door instead of the Tabernacle side since it really needs to be a quiet and reverent place for people to come and visit our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Adopt a pew is going well and \$42,000 dollars has been raised so far.
- The Holy Father has asked the priest to use modern forms of communication to spread the God News.
- Pre-School registration is going well.

Committee Reports:

- *Communications* - None
- *Youth Ministry*- None
- *Newark Catholic School Student Representative* – High School Youth Ministry is going well per Kelleen Albert
- *Liturgy* - Report given by Jim Guinta. LWG is preparing for lent and Ash Wednesday.
- *Election Committee* – Two parish council members and two Newark Catholic School Board members are needed. We need eight candidates.
- *Parish Picnic* - Deb will call Rotary about scheduling.

- *Parish Festival* - All committee chairs have been filled except advertising. A new 5K and family fun walk is being added. Changing the level of sponsorship by giving 10% back to the sponsors to basically spend at the festival.

New Business:

- *Welcome Greeter Committee* - We urgently need to form a Welcome Committee but not seat them. During Lent we will take a theme of welcome and try to get it out when we get back to Church. The Angelus will be put on the inside front cover of the bulletin. We are grateful to D-Printing. The Greeter Committee will be initiated at LWG.
- *What are we hearing in the Parish:*
 - a. **Holy Water** - It would be nice to have Holy Water in the Day Chapel and on both sides of the front doors and the two side doors.
 - b. **St. Francis School** – A question has come up if the fourth student of a family is free and it is not.
 - c. **Safety of parishioners** that need additional assistance entering and exiting the church will be taken care of by the Greeter Committee.
 - d. **Mail box location** - Father is looking at something different. Bulletin board for announcements will be in the hall.
 - e. **The Mission Statement** will be placed between the pillars inside the foyer as you enter the Lamy Center from the street.
 - f. Theresa Demers is doing a Marriage and Family life survey. When received please complete and return to her.

Next meeting is 2-23-10.

Closing prayer by Fr. Bob

Graciously submitted by Jim Guinta