

St. Francis de Sales
Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes from the Meeting of
March 23, 2010

In Attendance: Lynn Richardson, Mark Mauter, Martin Joyce, Karen Lutze, Deb Shelly, Francie Hiebel, Jim Guinta, Eric Wright, Luke Nutter, Sue Grindrod, Marilyn Messick, Steve Schorger, Tony Wright, Chris Lesch, Marian Skeen, and Father Bob

Guests: Brother Fidelis

Excused: Jean Flowers, Tonia Short, Matt Tanner, Kelleen Albert, and Nancy Shonebarger

Absent: None

- The meeting began with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- The meeting was opened with a prayer.
- The Parish Council Mission Statement and Parish Mission Statement were read aloud by all present.
- The February 23, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with one correction.
- Role was called by Secretary Chris Lesch

Pastor's report:

- *Church Painting* – The Parish Council was given a tour of the inside of the church to look at the painting completed to date. The Parish Council was very pleased with the choice and combination of colors being used. The colors are warm, vibrant, and go together very well.

Committee Reports:

- *Communication* – Eric Wright shared several items the Communication Committee is working on. Eric is taking pictures showing the progression of the inside of the church construction and will put them on a TV so people can see them.

Angelus Cards – We have them but are waiting to get back into the church before distributing them.

Lighthouse Catholic CDs – The CDs cost money and for those interested in them, a donation of \$3.00 would be appreciated. If someone can't afford the donation, they are free.

Budget for Communication Committee – It was suggested to have the Finance Committee talk about providing a budget for the Communication Committee. Members of the committee are funding the projects out of their own pockets.

- *Youth Ministry* – Working with Blessed Sacrament’s and St. Edward’s youth groups on coordinating the trip to Jesus Jam.
- *Newark Catholic Student Representative* – Sertoma honored Kelleen Albert for her leadership in her school and service in the community.
- *Newark Catholic High School Report* – Senior students are on a trip to Washington D.C. The basketball team is doing well. The capital campaign has raised \$991,000.00. Once they reach one million, they’ll go to the public. They are working on getting parents more involved throughout the year.
- *Liturgy* – The parish is getting ready for Holy Week. There will be an Ecumenical Service. The Penance Service is arranged. Four people are coming into the Church. The gym will be decorated for Easter Services.
- *Parish Picnic* – We will have it September 12th at the Rotary Park.
- *Parish Festival* – The 5K run and family walk are a go. Looking at doing some things to keep teenagers active and engaged. They are looking at expanding the area where beer can be consumed. The food menu is under development.
- *Welcome/Greeter Committee* – The Liturgy Committee is working on this. It is on a hold until we move back into the church.
- *Election Committee* – Sample ballots were distributed. The election will be the weekend of 4/24 and 4/25. An announcement will be made before each Mass. The schedule is:
 - a) Sue Grindrod ----- 5:30 p.m.
 - b) Luke Nutter ----- 8:00 a.m.
 - c) Karen Lutze -----10:00 a.m.
 - d) Jim Guinta -----12:00 a.m.

Lynn Richardson will bring what needs to be read. For Newark Catholic, four are running for two positions. For St. Francis, five are running for four positions. For the Parish Council, five are running for two positions.

A letter will be going out to the non-parishioner parents of students at St. Francis de Sales School for they can vote for members to the St. Francis School Advisory Board.

New Business:

- *What are we hearing from* parishioners – People are enjoying the Lenten talks.
- *Lenten Mass Schedule* – Discussion was held on putting some type of sign on the church so that occasional visitors know the Masses have been temporarily moved to the gym behind the church. Mark Mauter is to send an e-mail to Father Bob on this.
- *Knights of Columbus* – A clergy appreciation dinner was held. A guest speaker, Tony Wright, spoke on discernment and did a nice job.
- *Bulletins* - Some pictures were sent in of the guest speaker at the KC clergy appreciation dinner to be put in the bulletin and there was so little space you could barely see who it was. A question was asked if there is a way at times to limit information from other local churches so that an important event in our parish takes precedent. Follow-up discussion items were:
 - How is what goes into the bulletin prioritized?
 - It appears at times some information outside of the parish gets in, but not our own parish information.

Old Business:

- Several items were brought up but since Father Bob wasn't present, we will discuss during the next meeting.