

St. Francis de Sales
Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes from the Meeting of
April 27, 2010

In Attendance: Lynn Richardson, Mark Mauter, Jean Flowers, Karen Lutze, Francie Hiebel, Jim Guinta, Eric Wright, Luke Nutter, Marilyn Messick, Matt Tanner, Steve Schorger, Tony Wright, Chris Lesch, Marian Skeen, and Father Bob

Guests: Aaron Vanostran

Excused: Martin Joyce, Tonia Short, Deb Shelly, Sue Grindrod, 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 March 23, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with one correction.
- Role was called by Secretary Chris Lesch

Pastor's report:

- *Bishop's Appeal* – This appeal will be launched next week. The goal for the parish is \$111,870. Part of this money assists with seminarians attending school.
- *Diocesan Tax* - The diocese is considering an additional 1% tax to parishes to support various social services ministries. No final decision has been made. We will factor the potential of this additional tax going into place as we budget for the next fiscal year.
- *Organ* – Two of the three quotes to repair the pipe organ have been received and they range from \$175,000 to \$220,000. Once all the quotes are received, we will meet with a sub committee in the diocese that specializes in pipe organ repair to determine who should do the repairs. We might consider ~~budgeting for borrowing~~ the money to repair the organ from the diocese and repaying it over 10 years. Or, run some type of campaign in conjunction with the Bishop Annual Appeal to repair the organ sometime in 2011.
- *Cantors* – The cantors do at times attend multiple masses. Since they attend multiple Masses we can only ask them to volunteer to stay throughout the entire Mass.
- *Church Renovations* – Extra mats are placed at the back of church (foyer) as people enter to reduce moisture being tracked in. The ramp behind the altar will be looked at to reduce slipping. Several things being considered are: 1) carpeting, 2) non-slip strips, and 3) a non-skid clear surface (a sealer with a gritty substance in it).
- *Eucharistic Ministry Training* - All Extra Ordinary ~~Eucharistic~~ Ministers for Communion will be asked to go through training.

- *Meeting Days* – Keeping all committee meetings on a Tuesday night. If an item comes up in the meeting Father needs to address, he can get it done the same week. “Parish Council” and “Finance Committee” meetings will continue to be the fourth Tuesday of each month. Then on a separate Tuesday there would be PTA and School Advisory Board.
- *Communication Committee Budget* – Father asked this committee to submit their budget and advised as with any type of budget, it is subject to review and may be cut.
- *Budget* – The offertory is down 9% from the previous fiscal year (a year runs from July 1 – June 30). We are in the black for this year. All the donations for the adopt-a-pew campaign and a few gifts have kept us in the black. However, we can’t always count on extra bequests, so next year we will have to budget based on our projected offertory. We are looking at different areas to reduce expenses; e.g., looking at changing our postage meters, etc.
- *Hearing Impaired* – There is a hearing impaired system in place. There are 15 head sets that can be picked up at the back of the church.

Guest Speaker – Aaron Vanostran has taken over managing the Boy Scouts. He mentioned this is an exciting time in the Boy Scouts and many good things are going on. The Boy Scouts lead the meetings and Aaron provides guidance. This leadership role for the Boy Scouts is a wonderful growing experience for them. There was a 48% increase in Boy Scouts over 2009 numbers; part of this is attributed to the Cross Over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, which takes place in March. Aaron provided the number of scouts by grade and he wants to increase the numbers that stay in scouts, as they get older.

So far two scouts have made Eagle Scout this year. This is an excellent accomplishment. Less than 2% of the scouts make Eagle Scout. There are two more scouts who have the potential to make Eagle Scout this year.

This year marks 100 years of scouting. At the Ross County Fairgrounds there will be a 100th Anniversary Camporall. So far, there are over 7,000 scouts registered. There are wonderful activities planned, including: rock climbing, helicopter rides, etc.

The scouts camp out at least once a month.

The scouts will have a yard sale sometime in June.

Aaron thanked everybody for helping out with the mulch sale.

Committee Reports:

- *Communication* – The main focuses have been helping with getting the church ready after the interior renovations (pews, painting and floor) and getting the new confessional done. The committee will work on getting the parish mission statement put hung in the rotunda of the Lamy Center this summer. Father has

asked the committee to submit a budget proposal to him. Photos were taken of the church renovations before, during and after construction and now we have to decide where to put them. One person suggested the church website, however all the pictures would take up too much space.

- *Youth Ministry* – The number of people participating has been constant. Next year, the “Holiness Revolution” will replace Jesus Jam.
- *Newark Catholic High School Report* – There will be a St. Joseph’s Workday on Friday. The Mass of Farewell is on May 24th. Prom is coming up this weekend. May is Jim Guinta’s last meeting as a Newark Catholic Representative.
- *Liturgy* – The church is looking lovely. It is nice to enter the church from the center. Some discussion was held on the same families taking up the Gifts. It was thought that there is a sign up sheet for this. This needs to be looked at further.
- *Parish Picnic* – We will have it September 12th at the Rotary Park.
- *Parish Festival* – Sponsorship is down about half. Volunteers are needed to work the activities. A question was asked how old the volunteers need to be. The age limit of volunteers depends on the area they want to work.
- *Welcome/Greeter Committee* – Father is to start this ministry and then hand it over to the Liturgy Committee. Father has talked to the Ushers about having another ministry in addition to what they do. The Greeter Committee’s role would be to welcome people and the Ushers role will stay as it is today; e.g., seating people, handing out bulletins, etc. Father talked about passing bulletins out as people come into Mass.
- *Election Committee* – The election went off well. Father will call everyone to let them know if they were selected or if they were not selected. Father will send an e-mail on who was elected.

Folding the ballots is difficult. We will have to look at how we do this next year; e.g., getting more volunteers and see if some vendor can do this.

Ballots are to be passed out as people come in door. They are then to be collected before Mass starts.

New Business:

- *Hearing from parishioners* – People just love how the church looks. The pews are 36” inches apart (this is 2” more than prior to the renovation) to make it easier to get in and out of the pews. The kneelers are a little further out which makes it more comfortable to kneel.

- *Officers for Next Year*
 - The Parish Council was asked to be thinking about a slate of officers to be nominated for next year.
 - The offices are: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.
 - Mark Mauter will not be running for President and Chris Lesch will not be running for Secretary.
- *New Liturgy* - The new Liturgy is going through the final approval process. Once it is available, there will be Catechesis on the changes. For more information on this, go to “USCCB” website and they have a link devoted to the changes.

Old Business:

- *Mail Box Location* – It will go on the wall by the parish office.