



## St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament

November 15, 2007

Hanley Hall  
Final Minutes



Present: Fr. Amato, Catherine Drapeau, Eleanor Glenn, Bill St. Jean, Ann Kemp, Rob Drapeau, Devon Merkley, Lorraine Fenn, Matthew Drapeau  
Regrets: Ray Leclair, Debbie Shea, Chris McGuire

- 1) Rob Drapeau called the meeting to order.
- 2) Bill St. Jean led the opening prayer.
- 3) The Agenda was approved (all in favour).
- 4) The minutes were approved, with amendments.
- 5) Business pertaining to the last meeting: there was no business pertaining to the last meeting.
- 6) Committee Reports:
  - Liturgical Committee: The Liturgical Committee met in October and planned for Advent and Christmas related matters.
  - Youth Committee: The Youth Committee had met two times within the recent months in order to assess what the youth of the parish are already participating in, to assess the needs of the youth in the parish, and to discuss receiving support from parents when organizing future “youth related functions”. The Youth Committee had scheduled a meeting for December.
  - Social Justice Ministry: It was reported that the Social Justice Ministry had been active within the parish through initiative such as the Fair Trade initiative. The Social Justice Ministry was looking for a way to focus their ministry through the community. They were also looking for a way to focus on poverty.
  - Stewardship Committee: Bill St. Jean reported on the behalf of the Stewardship Committee. Bill St. Jean said the committee was currently assessing the parishioners who had made, or were currently making donations towards the boiler fund. It was reported that there had been an amazing response through the special collection. In the past the “Into the Future” collection had served very well; however, it was decided it was time to re-asses this collection and give it a new title. Instead of having the “Into the Future Collection”, it was decided there would be a “Building Fund” collection. Presentations to explain the new collection would be made in the near future. Bill St. Jean also stated that the new Parish Directory would be “out for input” as of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

School Councils

- St. Francis: Lorraine Fenn reported on the behalf of St. Francis. The Terry Fox run that had been held was a success (they raised over two-thousand dollars). They held their elections for school council, and a new group of 10 parents were voted in. Eleanor Glenn was appointed as the new pastoral assistant. School masses had been held month during the school year. They would be holding a book fair to raise funds for the school library.
- St. Luke's: Matthew Drapeau reported on the behalf of St. Luke's. Members of the school had agreed to have him represent them on Parish Council. Matthew Drapeau reported about the masses that had been held in November, the ongoing Parent Council and the retreats.
- St. James: Representing St. James school, Eleanor Glenn presented a report. The report stated the following: Report cards were to be sent out November 20<sup>th</sup> and interviews would follow. The school had a new Logo for their school and new spirit wear would be sold. They also had a new mission statement. Students from the school had a food drive for Thanksgiving; through the collection they collected 1038 canned items. Students in grade eight would be completing surveys to help with the transition planning of students entering into grade nine at Saint John's. Several masses were scheduled. The First Communion Candidates would be enrolled on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November at the Sunday masses.
- St. John's: Devon Merkley presented a report on the behalf of St. John's school. The report included the following details: A food-drive had been held recently and over 3,000 items were collected for the food-bank. A mass had been held during October. There was a Remembrance Day ceremony within the school community. Retreats were to be held in November for various student groups. The students were going to be taking part in the Angel Tree Project closer to Christmas time. The students also took part in a "Youth Conference". Several students took on an initiative called "Halloween For Hunger". Devon Merkley explained that the idea of "Halloween for Hunger" was that, instead of students collecting candy on October 31<sup>st</sup>, they went out and asked for donations for the food-bank.

CWL: Ann Kemp reported as the representative of the CWL. She reported that the CWL members had a spaghetti dinner and it went well. She reported that the members had a bake sale too. The CWL members raised money for the boilers by holding a "party". The fundraiser for the Heritage House was also spoken about.

Knights of Columbus: Ray Leclair sent his regrets. However, he asked Catherine Drapeau to read an e-mail on his behalf. The e-mail stated the following; the members of the Knights of Columbus were continuing to hold their month

pancake breakfasts. The members had agreed to restrict their donations to other causes and apply the majority of the funds raised to the boiler fund.

Finance and Property Committee: It was reported that the boilers have been installed and are working well. There was also mention of the parish putting up a fence near the schoolyard to keep students away from a vent.

Cemetery Committee: The cemetery committee reported that they would be meeting on November the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 7) The date of the next meeting is January 24, 2008.
- 8) The prayer leader for the next meeting is Catherine Drapeau
- 9) Ann Kemp led the closing prayer.
- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.