



St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament
Parish Pastoral Council

Sept 27, 2007
Hanley Hall
Final Minutes



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

- 1) R. Drapeau called the meeting to order.
- 2) R. Drapeau led the opening prayer.
- 3) The Agenda was approved (all in favour).
- 4) It was noted that there were no minutes to approve from the last meeting, as the last meeting was an informal dinner.
- 5) Business pertaining to the last meeting: there was no business pertaining to the last meeting.
- 6) Committee Reports:

Liturgical Committee: Father Amato reported that the Liturgical Committee had a meeting in October.

Education and Family Life Committee: The Education and Family Life Committee was reported as looking to start a CAFÉ series. The series would be for people to learn from a video based program (upon attending). Each session would be “stand-alone” and so a person could attend one session and not the other if one chose to do so.

Youth Committee: The Youth Committee had met twice (as of Sept 27th) and had assessed “where the youth were”. Several members of the Parish have been involved in the Youth Committee. It was reported that several members of the Youth Committee have been involved in “Youth coordinator” style training.

Community Life Committee:

- Pastoral Care Ministry: The Pastoral Care Ministry had been holding meetings every couple of months. The members of the ministry had also been receiving training pertaining to the ministry.
- Social Justice Ministry: The Social Justice Ministry will be having a presentation on poverty in the near coming future. There is also a meeting scheduled for November 1st.

Stewardship Committee: Bill St. Jean put forth the subject of re-publishing the Parish Directory for the 2007/2008 year. All those present were in favour of the motion. As a result, the directory will be re-issued in the near future. Bill St. Jean also spoke about the need for more fundraising in the future. In the past the offertory campaign was a success, so it was determined that it will continue. However, the Into the Future envelope system will be dropped. The need for

funds has continued to rise (as the church buildings and cemetery continue to age, and as the “cost of living” has continued to rise). Bill St. Jean explained that the needs of the Parish, as well as the amount of funds raised needs to be continually explained to the parishioners. While explaining this, Bill St. Jean also stated that the average weekly offering envelope contains a donation of \$17.00. Bill St. Jean also explained that further campaigning would have to take place in order to assist the Parish in raising funds.

School Councils

- St. Francis: Debbie Shea, the representative for St. Francis, was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting. Debbie Shea asked Lorraine Fen, on her behalf, to present an article written by a few grade eight students of St. Francis. The article summarized the various events, sports, fundraising and changes that had taken place at St. Francis during the first few weeks of school. Some of the highlights included in the article were, a Terry Fox Run, a dance, Script Fundraising, various sports and the Plowing Match.
- St. Luke’s: Rob Drapeau presented the report for St. Luke’s. Rob Drapeau reported that a retreat had been planned, that the students and staff took part in the Terry Fox Run as well as the Plowing Match, and several of the students began ruining a school radio station.
- St. James: Representing St. James school, Eleanor Glenn presented a report. The report stated that the school had celebrated a school mass along with the students of St. Luke’s. The grade seven and eight students were scheduled to attend a retreat on September 27th. The parents of the St. James students had a chance to meet the teachers at a Barbeque that was held on September 19th. Eleanor Glenn also reported the names of the several new staff members. The current school population for St. James (as of the meeting) was approximately 250.
- St. John’s: Chris McGuire and Devon Merkley presented a report on the behalf of St. John’s school. The report included the following details: There had been an opening assembly for the students. There is a new Principal and Vice-Principal (Ken Crosby and Ralph Sharples). Various events had been held during the first month of school, including a “back to school bash” and a dance (with a grade nine party). For the first year ever, St. John’s had a competitive football team. The first home game was reported as going very well. The students all had the chance to take part in a “game pass” and to cheer on the team. Several events were scheduled to take place within the next couple of months. These events included the first mass, graduation and the Terry Fox Run.

CWL: There was no report available for the CWL.

Knights of Columbus: There was no report available for the Knights of Columbus. Ray Leclair, the Knights of Columbus representative sent his regrets.

Finance and Property Committee: The Finance and Property Committee was scheduled to hold a meeting on October 11. They had already held a meeting in August. It also was reported that several repairs and renovations needed to take place. The projects listed included repairing the roof of the Lombardy church, repairing the Hanley Hall roof, fixing the rectory roof (the flat portion) and making the washroom doorways and hallways to the bathroom at St. Francis handicap accessible.

Cemetery Committee: It was reported that the Columbaria now has one "occupant".

- 7) The date of the next meeting is November 15, 2007.
- 8) The prayer leaders for the next meeting are Bill St. Jean (opening prayer) and Ann Kemp (closing prayer).
- 9) Rob Drapeau led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.