



St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament
Parish Pastoral Council

March 1, 2007
Hanley Hall
Final Minutes



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

- 1) R. Drapeau called the meeting to order.
- 2) B. St. Jean led the opening prayer.
- 3) The minutes of the last meeting (January 27, 2007) were approved.
- 4) Agenda was approved (all in favour).
- 5) Business Arising from the last meeting
 - a) NET: An update on NET was given. It was stated that the application for NET was completed and that the NET team leaders had come to the parish to make an assessment. It was also announced that further meetings and plans would be held and made involving the NET process.
 - b) Mark Mallet Concert: Rob Drapeau presented some further information on the Mark Mallet Concert (to be held on April 1, 2007). The package had come in that would help to prepare the concert (it included tickets, CDs, posters as well as all the other tools needed to hold the concert). He reminded those present that children (seventeen and under) would be able to attend for free; and those over seventeen could purchase tickets for ten dollars in advance and fifteen dollars at the door. He went on to tell the members of Parish Council that the Concert would last about an hour and would begin at 7:00 pm. Rob asked to volunteers to assist with the ticket sales after the masses in the month of March.
- 6) Committee Reports:
 - Finance and Property Committee: Father Amato spoke on the behalf of the Finance and Property Committee. A meeting was held. The situation of the boiler had been discussed. Various people had come forward with ideas; including one person who had come forward and offered to spearhead the project to repair the boiler. Fr. Accepted the offer. This will help Father as it would take a lot of his time to be the lead. The situation of Hanley Hall and the new insurance rules were also mentioned. Anyone who uses the Hall will be required to show proof of liability insurance. This does not apply to Parish events or groups as they are covered under the current liability insurance that the parish has.

Stewardship Committee: Bill St. Jean spoke. He announced that the 22% plus target had been met in regards to the offering. He also stated that the new directories had been issued. However, the initiative to find more

volunteers through the sign-up sheets had not yielded a good number of responses.

CWL: There was no report for the CWL, as they had not had their meeting yet.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights had recently held their membership drive.

School Councils:

- St. Francis: Debbie Shea reported on the behalf of Saint Francis. Some of the things reported are as follows. The grades 6-8 were preparing their Science Fair Projects for judging that would take place at Saint John's Catholic High School. The grades eights were finishing their option sheets. They participated in Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes. Many of the students were going to attend the presentation of the Ark of the New Covenant. The school is assisting with a parish twinning with a school in Jamaica, as part of their Lenten Project. The project could extend into the rest of the year. Debbie Shea went on the explain in detail about an anti-Catholic Education group that is circulating information to make the province of Ontario have one education system. Various materials, as well as articles containing information on this idea had been going around (this includes an article in the Ottawa Citizen).
- Saint Luke's : There was no official report for Saint Lukes. However, Saint Luke's is actively working on their program in various ways as well as participating in the Jamaica twinning project.
- There was no report for Saint James.
- Saint John's: Devon and Chris reported. There was a mass held on Ash Wednesday as well as confessions. Winter Carnival was held. Saint John's also had a motivational speaker come out and he was reported as being a success. The students for Cuernavaca had their "send-off"; as they were going on their exposure trip over the march Break. Saint John's also held a "Thinkfast" and helped to raise funds.

Pastors Report: Father Amato gave his report as follows. The Parish was announced as actively taking part in the twinning project with a parish in Jamaica. The Ark of the New Covenant presentation was also going to take place soon.

Social Justice Ministry: Bill St. Jean reported on the behalf of the Social Justice Ministry. There was an upcoming meeting (to be held on March 5th). There has been follow-up on fair trade coffee. The Social Justice Ministry plans to carry on with the campaigns.

- Date of Next Meeting: May 10, 2007
- Prayer Leader for next meeting: Catherine Drapeau
- A motion to adjourn was motioned by Rob Drapeau– All agreed
- Bill St. Jean led the closing prayer