



St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament
Parish Pastoral Council

May 10, 2007
Hanley Hall
Final Minutes



Present: Anne Kemp, Rob Drapeau, Chris McGuire, Father Amato, Catherine Drapeau, Devon Merkley

Regrets: Bill St. Jean, Ray Leclair, Debbie Shea, Eleanor Glenn, Nancy Lyman

- 1) R. Drapeau called the meeting to order.
- 2) C Drapeau led the opening prayer.
- 3) The minutes of the last meeting (March 1, 2007) were approved.
- 4) Agenda was approved (all in favour).
- 5) Business Arising from the last meeting:
 - a) NET: The process of having NET come to the parish has been put on hold because of Father Cummings (he is retiring) and because there is currently no Bishop to give approval.
 - b) Mark Mallet Concert: The concert was reported (and all those present agreed) that the concert was enjoyed. The feedback that had been received was positive. A small profit was made. It was announced that something similar might be held. One of the possibilities was "Katchat". It was explained that Katchat is geared towards a younger audience than some of the other possible groups.
- 6) Committee Reports:
 - Finance and Property Committee: Father Amato spoke on the behalf of the Finance and Property Committee. A discovery was made that the boilers in the church were not only put in during the 1980s, but they were also used at the time of installation. The approximated cost to have the boilers re-done is \$45,000. This is only a guesstimate at this time. A request for proposals (RFP) will be issued to find a contractor to undertake the work. The contractor will be giving us a formal estimate. An engineering firm has been hired look after the RFP and to manage the project. Fundraising will be needed. The pointing in the back of the church and the window in the chapel also need fixing. Blessed Sacrament's roof needs to be replaced (it is 107 years old). The water problem at Blessed Sacrament still needs to be fixed.

Stewardship Committee: No report was available.

CWL: Ann Kemp reported on behalf of the CWL. A bake sale was held. A dinner was catered. The CWL celebrated Our Lady of Good Council with a mass. They also gave all of the confirmation candidates crosses.

The MUMS program began and a leader for it had been found. The group of MUMS were reported as being small; but the meetings were going well. The Parish BBQ is to be held soon. The March for Life had been held the day of the Parish Council meeting (May 10). The Living Rosary is scheduled to take place the last Monday of May (28th) at 4:30pm.

Knights of Columbus: No report was available.

School Councils:

- St. Francis: No report was available.
- Saint Luke's : Rob Drapeau and Father Amato spoke on behalf of Saint Luke's. A BBQ was held at Independent Grocer. The students and school have actively been fundraising for the upcoming "end of the year" Toronto Trip. Grade masses were also held for the students and staff.
- There was no report for Saint James.
- Saint John's: Devon and Chris reported. Three school masses had been celebrated. There was confession available shortly before Easter. There was a dance held in April. Development and Peace held "Thinkfast"; which involves fasting for 24 hours to raise money and awareness for Development and Peace related causes. Dodgeball intramurals are currently taking place. The dodgeball organization is reported as being a success, as many of the students are getting involved. Student Council elections are going to be held soon. Those that participated in Cuernavaca are back (they went over the March break). A careers day was held for the grade 11 students and was reported as being very helpful and interesting. Relay For Life is coming up. A dress down day was held recently to raise money for the Development and Peace Committee. It was also reported that Saint John's plans on introducing a Football team within the next year.

Education and Family Life Committee: The Education and Family Life Committee had a meeting in March. The new method of running the RCIA program was reported as being a success. Having it year round and other such new aspects are included in the new method. The CAFÉ program is being run by the prayer group.

Pastoral Care Ministry: The Pastoral Care Ministry has been meeting regularly.

Social Justice Ministry: The Social Justice Ministry has been running their program in the parish as planned. An upcoming event was spoken of (this event was the Evening In Africa to be held on May 22). The purpose of

the evening as well as the special guest speakers were explained and announced.

New Business:

Sharon's retirement in July: As Sharon (the secretary within the parish) is retiring on July 26th, something special will be held for her. The tentative plan is to hold the party on the 24th of June, after the 11 am mass. A discussion took place as to who would organize the event (including refreshments). Rob has agreed to coordinate the event. The CWL will be asked to look into providing sandwiches as they had done in the past (at funerals and such events). The Knights will be asked to look after the set up and clean-up.

Father Bill Powell's 50th anniversary of ordination and his 80th birthday: To celebrate this a lunch will be organized in his honour. The tentative date is September 9th. Father Bill Powell was once a priest in the parish, and this is why something will be held in his honour. The KofC will be asked to organize the celebration and food

Father's 20th Anniversary: In celebration of Father Amato having been a priest for 20 years a party will be held after the 11am mass on May the 27th. Pat Shaw was designated as being the one that will organize the event.

Parish Council Elections: The elections for Parish Council were announced. 2 new positions will be open. New candidates from the parish will have to be found.

- Date of Next Meeting: June 14, 2007 6:00pm in the rectory (pot luck meal)
- Prayer Leader for next meeting: Fr. Amato
- A motion to adjourn was motioned by Rob Drapeau– All agreed
- Catherine Drapeau lead the closing prayer