



St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament
February 28, 2008
Hanley Hall
Final Minutes



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

Regrets: Devon Merkley and Ray Leclair

- 1) Rob Drapeau called the meeting to order.
- 2) Catherine Drapeau led the opening prayer.
- 3) The Agenda was approved (all in favour).
- 4) The minutes for the January 24th, 2008 were approved, with no amendments.
- 5) Business pertaining to the last meeting: There was no business specifically pertaining to the last meeting.
- 6) Committee Reports:
 - Education and Family Life Committee: The Education and Family Life Committee reported they were going to have a meeting after Easter.
 - Youth Committee: The Youth Committee reported the youth day on February 16th had gone well and about fifteen youth had attended the event, despite the weather conditions. The committee also reported that the confirmation students were preparing for confirmation and that it was going well. The committee also reported that the NET team would be coming to the parish for a retreat on March the 8th. Finally, the committee reported that several youth had joined together to make a group for singing, and that they had sung at the youth day.
 - Pastoral Care Ministry: The Pastoral care Ministry had met five times as of January 24th, 2008. During the most recent meeting they had learned how to communicate and reach out to the individuals with whom they were visiting and assisting.
 - Social Justice Ministry: The Social Justice Ministry reported that they had held their special social justice event as planned on February 23rd. The event had a very good turnout and was very successful.
 - Stewardship Committee: Bill St. Jean reported on the behalf of the Stewardship Committee. He reported that the collection target of \$4900.00 was being met. He explained that in order to inform the parishioners, the presentations would have to continue. He commented that the parishioners were being very co-operative and that it was a very good thing. He also explained that the Parish Directory had been distributed.

School Councils

- St. Francis: Debbie Shea spoke on the behalf of the school. She announced that the school had been having Lenten Liturgies every Monday. She also explained that the school staff members were attending morning masses every Tuesday.

She reported that the students were continuing to prepare for the Sacraments, and that Eleanor Glenn was doing an excellent job of preparing the students. She went on the state that catholic Education week was going to be in May and that activities and such would take place during the week. Debbie Shea also noted that the NET team was going to be in the area for the grade seven and eight students on March 8th, and that all the students had received invitations.

- St. Luke's: Matthew Drapeau reported on the behalf of St. Luke's. He reported that the grade sevens, eights, and nines had attended an Ash Wednesday mass. He reported that the sevens, eights and nines had also taken part in a Valentines Day dance. He went on to explain that during the 19th to the 22nd of February they had a "Carnival week" with fun, activities and games for the students and staff. He also noted that in March there would be a ski trip and a mass (the mass was to be on March 6th). The final thing he reported was that in the 23rd of February the school had provided the cookies for the Social Justice event
- St. James: Representing St. James school, Eleanor Glenn spoke. She reported that February 11th to the 15th had been carnival week at the school, and the students had enjoyed the fun. She also reported that the school had been doing Lenten fundraising for a project titled Kakpeni Village Well Project. She stated that on February 12th the Watoto Choir had had come to the school and preformed for students, staff and parents. She also explained that on February the 12th the grade eight students had attended an orientation night at Saint John's High School.
- St. John's: Chris McGuire was present at the meeting and reported on the behalf of the school. He reported that the students had exams prior to the meeting, had a Winter Carnival with skiing and activities, a MADD presentation, a mass for Ash Wednesday, and confessions. He reported that the upcoming events were going to include Thing fast, a Cuernevaca sendoff, and a blood donor clinic. Chris also commented that exams had gone well and that all the events had been a success. He also explained that Think fast was a special event where people would raise funds and attend an evening without food. The event's purpose would be to raise awareness of social justice issues in countries where there isn't enough food for everyone. The students would not eat during the event, but would learn about the issues and take part in various awareness activities.
- CWL: Ann Kemp reported as the CWL representative. She reported that in April they would be having the souls for souls initiative. She explained that during Lent they were doing the cross exchange initiative and it was going very well. She also explained that the Garden Club had raised money with their tickets.
- Knights of Columbus: As Ray Leclair was absent, there was no official report for the Knights. However, it was mentioned that they had a dinner, which raised over 2,000 dollars.
- Finance and Property Committee: It was reported that the Committee was going to have a meeting on March 13th.

7) New Business:

- St. Lukes' Letter: The business about the letter from Saint Lukes was that a letter had been submitted to Parish Council requesting money for the seven and eight breakfast program. Although the breakfast program is funded publicly, the funds are limited and so they were looking for additional funds to better the program. The various options were discussed and the members agreed that the details of the needs should be looked into, and the options of what they could donate should be looked into. Father Amato stated that on his visit to the school he would look into the details of the needs. Parish Council noted that they might make donations to all the schools in order to make the donation fair. Debbie Shea said she would check to see how much was already being donated to Saint Francis School. Eleanor Glenn said she would look into the needs and received funds for Saint James.

 - Northern Deanery Day: The business in regards to the Northern Deanery Day was that it was going to be on March the 1st from 9:30am to 3pm. It was announced that there would be various speakers and that over 80 individuals had pre-registered.

 - Bicycle Tour: The business of the Bicycle Tour was that they had recently found out that a group from a Hungarian Parish would be biking and touring various places. The group of adults and youth were going to start in Montreal, go to Ottawa and at one point make a stop in Smiths Falls. On their stop in Smiths Falls they would need a place to stop, clean up, eat and sleep for the night. Their stop in Smiths Falls was scheduled to be on July 23rd to the 24th of July. The reason the tour involved Parish Council was because they had requested the parish provide a place to stay. It was determined that the participants could stay in Hanley Hall.
- 8) The date of the next meeting was set for May 8th (*It should be noted that the date was later changed to May 22nd due to a conflict)
- 9) The prayer leader for the next meeting was made Bill St. Jean
- 10) Catherine Drapeau led the closing prayer.
- 11) The meeting was adjourned.