



St. Francis de Sales/Blessed Sacrament
January 24, 2008
Hanley Hall
Final Minutes



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

- 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 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:
 - Liturgical Committee: The Liturgical Committee had met during the week before the Parish Council meeting. The Committee members had reviewed Christmas and Advent and had begun planning for Easter and Lent.
 - Education and Family Life Committee: The Education and Family Life Committee held a meeting in December.
 - Youth Committee: The Youth Committee had been reviewing where “they were” and implementing the skills some of the members had gained from the course they took in Kingston. A fun day was announced, and was to be held on Saturday February 16, 2008. The fun day was going to be attached to the youth mass; which was going to be held the same day. The two youth leaders for the event and for other future events were listed as Joanna and Mary-Kate.
 - 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 had been discussing activities and events, which they had held and would hold. It was announced that on February 23, 2008 from 9-3 a workshop would be held.
 - Stewardship Committee: Bill St. Jean reported on the behalf of the Stewardship Committee. He reported that the Parish Directory was ready for print. The plan was to put out the final copy the week after the meeting. He reported that the new collection had begun and that it was

going very well. He also handed out a chart, which showed the statistics of the funds collected. Three of the totals listed on the chart were 5373 (January 6th), 5275 (January 13th) and 4818 (January 20th). The totals listed were a combination of the weekly offering and the Building Maintenance Fund.

School Councils

- St. Francis: Debbie Shea spoke on the behalf of the school. She announced that on January 28th people had attended an informative session on bullying, which was put on by the school. There had been a PA day scheduled for February the 1st, 2008. During the PA day, redemption and forgiveness were going to be the main focus topics. The event was to be catered by St. Luke's hospitality class.
- St. Luke's: Matthew Drapeau reported on the behalf of St. Luke's. The school had held a Christmas celebration. There had been a hockey and skating day. Various students from the school had been taking part in curling as part of their studies during the month of January. There had been a few dress-down days (where students were allowed to wear non-uniform attire as long as they made a set donation towards the given cause), and the money raised had gone towards various good causes.
- St. James: Representing St. James school, Eleanor Glenn presented a report. The school had been taking part in a "Bully Prevention Program". On January the 9th, staff took part in a presentation. January the 18th, parents had a chance to gain information in regards to the program. On the 28th of January, students were going to be visited within their classes by a psychologist who had begun the presentation. The students had been participating in the Roots of Empathy program by following the monthly growth of a local baby. The baby has also been taken into the classes so that children could see him and learn from him. The parents of the students had been given information in regards to save and limited computer use. The grade fours and fives had been taking part in swimming lessons throughout Thursdays, Wednesdays and Tuesdays during January. There was going to be a PD day on February 1st, 2008.
- St. John's: Devon and Chris were not present at the meeting, and so there was no report for the school. However, it was stated by various members of the council that exams were going to take place within the days after the meeting (for the high school students at the school). It was also mentioned that Chris and Devon would be informed that if they had any individuals to recommend for Parish Council in the next year, that it would be helpful if they did so.

- CWL: Ann Kemp reported as the CWL representative. She stated that only 27 of the 91 members were active. She stated that they were looking to change this, so that more members would be active.
- Knights of Columbus: Ray Leclair reported as the Knights of Columbus representative. He stated that the members would be holding a Gala on February the 17th, and that the procedures would go towards the church. He also stated that the month dinners and breakfasts had continued to be successful. He also stated that a lot of the members do not go on beyond approval and that the members were looking to possibly do more than the usual membership drive to change this.
- Finance and Property Committee: it was reported that it was two weeks unit the next meeting. At the next meeting they would be looking into future projects.

7) New Business:

- The visit of the Archbishop on February 23rd and 24th: During the weekend of February 23rd and 24th the Archbishop will be staying in the parish and saying all of the masses. It was discussed which groups would serve refreshments after mass, and what would be served.
- Sr. Marlene's anniversary: It was brought to Parish Council's attention that it would soon be Sr. Marlene's 50th anniversary of being a nun. As a result, a committee was put together to organize something special for the occasion. The idea of flying Sister's sister and her husband in for a party was put forward. The exact date of the event was unknown, however, May 25th was listed as a possible date.
- Parish Pamphlet: There was a discussion that took place with regards to a church pamphlet idea that was put forward by Eleanor Glenn. The idea was that a pamphlet could be put together with the history of the parish and such (hopefully with no cost to the parish). This idea was put forward as the 150th anniversary of the church building was coming up. Various individuals had spoken of the beauty of the church structure, and so Eleanor Glenn was inspired.
- Elections: Rob Drapeau reminded members that the Parish Council elections would be held in the spring. He encouraged the members to think of new candidates for the positions as well as new representatives for the "openings".

8) The date of the next meeting is February 28th, 2008.

9) The prayer leader for the next meeting will be Ray Leclair.

10) Catherine Drapeau led the closing prayer.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

