

Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Minutes
May 3, 2007

Present: Claire Cheesman, Adam Dupuis, Ray Fournier, Tom Lavrisa, Blair Malis, Sharron Quinn, Dave Roberts, Fr. Paul Shepherd, Anna Marie Young

Opening Prayer

The meeting started with a prayer led by Fr. Paul.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the April 12 meeting were reviewed and adopted without correction.

Report of Ministries

Liturgy

Fr. Paul reported that no meeting was held. Deacon Paul has been hired on contract as the Coordinator of Pastoral Services. He will work with Mel Thompson to enhance our liturgies over the period of the contract.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Paul reported that applications for Direct Deposit were still coming in during the week, so numbers are growing steadily. The parish boundaries will be changed effective June 30 and they align with those for St. Anne's School, which will be under St. Patrick's Fallowfield administration after that date. Existing parishioners can go to either church, but must attend at the parish where they are registered. A suggestion was made that all our parishioners be asked to re-register with the parish as our records are out of date. Notice will go in the parish bulletin, school newsletters and on the web site. A memorial to the unborn was proposed as part of the Phase 2 renovations, to be funded by the Knights of Columbus. It will be along the lines suggested in the consultation with parishioners, entitled In Respect for Life. A large granite rock will have an image of Mary holding a baby and the quote from Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you". The proposed location is between the two trees off of the left side of the church entrance and will include a small garden.

Finance

Ray reported that our insurance company has inspected the church, hall and residence and found 17 minor changes that need to be made. A planned giving program will be introduced in the fall. The budget will be updated to include the cost of Deacon Paul's contract with the parish. The outdoors Spring Clean up is scheduled for May 25. The lighting for the front of the church has arrived and will be installed by June. The material for the chairs and kneelers has arrived, so the re-upholstering will begin. Suggestions to help fund this exercise are being investigated. The divider wall will also change with the side facing the church matching the chair material. The Knights of Columbus have volunteered to paint the hall.

Education

Claire reported that no meeting was held.

Social Mission

Theresa Roberts received an update from the Pro-Life representative. The Hike for Life was held the previous Saturday, the March for Life is May 10 and is being advertised in the bulletin and a brochure will be included in the bulletins on May 6 for Pro-Life Sunday.

Parish and Community Life

Sharron Quinn reported that the committee meeting was cancelled.

Youth Commission

Tom Lavrisa reported that the commission's meeting was cancelled. Remaining activities are to accept and implement the Youth Program being written by Melissa and ensure the continuity of the youth coordinator position to next year.

Youth Groups

Adam reported that attendance at Senior Youth Group is low, about 5 – 6 attendees per Sunday. The Junior Youth Group numbers are still holding up. Ultimate Frisbee will be starting soon, so Adam will get a certificate of insurance from Jan to show that they are covered.

Events Committee

Dave Roberts reported that the Bible Camp has applied to hold their activities this year and they will be approved. The Lynx Day activity will be passed to Parish and Community Life to organize, with the proceeds going to help fund World Youth Day.

Pastor's Report (continued)

The Direct Deposit sign-up had 5 – 6 sign up after each Mass, which is good considering that 58 were interested in participating at the start. Many parishioners took forms home to return to the office during the week. One more Sunday sign-up will be held in May and telephone follow-up for those that indicated interest but did not sign up is planned. Pauline Macdonald is the new librarian and she has a number of volunteers to help with making the facilities available after each Mass. Claire will order the sign for unveiling at the dedication.

Annual General Meeting

We expect 75 – 80 people at the Volunteer Appreciation reception; the links to the Permanent Committees will gather the guest list. Claire volunteered to make up the invitation and have the parish staff create and mail the copies. Sharron will organize the food, Ray will obtain the license for wine and Blair will purchase the pop and wine. Tom will gather the inputs for the Annual Report, which will consist of one each from the Permanent Committees, the Youth Commission and the Knights of Columbus. The Finance Council will present their report as an attachment.

Varia

Anna Marie went to view the service animal sign at Walmart to note the wording and location. She will get a few quotes for such a sign and present it at the next meeting.

Development and Peace is inviting our parish to attend a meeting at the diocese. Liz Murphy will represent our parish.

The Diocesan Liturgy Commission meeting will be held next week, with two members from our parish attending.

The Miriam Centre has requested funds to help with their mission of helping young single women carry their babies to term by providing assistance to the new mothers after the birth. The Events Committee will consider the request for assistance.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish boardroom.