

Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Minutes
March 22, 2007

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

Absent: Adam Dupuis

Opening Prayer

The meeting started with a prayer led by Claire. Fr. Paul was delayed helping another parish with their Reconciliation services.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the March 1 meeting were reviewed and adopted without correction.

Report of Ministries

Finance

Ray reported that no meeting was held since our last meeting. The budget has not been completed yet.

Education

Claire reported that a meeting is scheduled for Monday.

Social Mission

Theresa Roberts attended the Kanata Food Cupboard meeting to show our support for their activities.

Parish and Community Life

Sharron Quinn reported that the committee meeting is scheduled for Monday.

Youth Commission

Tom Lavrisa reported that the commission's next meeting is next Thursday. He had prepared a spreadsheet of the attendance at the Junior Youth Group meetings in fall 2006 and showed it to Council as a visible sign of the popularity of these meetings. The group will be working on the Quality measure of effectiveness, specifically the surveys for the youth leaders, the youth and their parents.

Events Committee

Dave Roberts reported that the procedure for booking the hall was being finalized, with the order being: Events Committee approval, hall booking, then Fr. Paul's approval. Applications for hall use and rental will be available from the office. Ray Fournier will present the process at an upcoming parish staff meeting and the committee will educate the Permanent Committees on the new procedures.

Liturgy

Fr. Paul reported that no meeting was held. Fr. James will be helping out at the parish for the next school year.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Paul stated that our recommendation to keep our parish boundaries constant was not accepted. Catholics east of Eagleson and south of the hydro lines will be invited to join St. Patrick's Fallowfield parish.

Varia

Archbishop Marcel Gervais will be honoured at the Diocesan Feast Day on Thursday May 31. Anna Marie will organize our parish participation at this event. Four parishioners will display our church banner and a gift will be presented to the archbishop.

Claire Cheesman and Tom Lavrisa will not run for re-election to Pastoral Council next year. Anna Marie will prepare an item for the bulletin, requesting candidates for Pastoral Council to step forward.

Planning for the reception of the RCIA candidates into the Church at the Easter Vigil has started. A celebration will be held after the Vigil for the candidates and their families.

The parish picnic and Mass is planned for June 24 at Pumphouse Park. Parish and Community Life will organize this event. Mass will also be offered at the church for those who do not want to attend at the park.

The policy for hall rental was approved and will be put into effect after the groups affected are informed. Bookings for a group's annual events are encouraged to ease the load of administration.

Anna Marie presented samples of bulletins from other parishes that are prepared by our printer, in order to present alternative appearances for our bulletin. The contract for the year will remain with our present publisher.

Anna Marie and Claire presented a proposal allowing parishioners to make their collection donation through Direct Debit on a monthly basis. Monthly cost to the parish will be a bank fee of \$25, a filing fee of \$10 and a \$0.10 per item fee, which declines as the number of items increases beyond 1000. A one-time setup charge of \$250 is applicable to cover setup on a PC and training of the staff and \$100 for an authentication device. The experience of other parishes is that collections are increased as donations are made even when the donor does not attend Mass at the parish. This proposal was approved and parishioners will be asked to sign up for the new service.

The issue of catering receptions following funerals was raised. Fr. Paul will follow up with the affected parties.

Tom Lavrisa advised that the Announcements page on the website is available to groups to advertise their events but this is done infrequently. An email to the webmaster is all that is required to get an item posted. The links to the Permanent Committees will advise their groups of its availability.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish boardroom.