

Minutes of the Holy Family Pastoral Council
May 7, 2009

Attendance:

Father Vernon Driscoll	Celina White (Chair)
Deacon Howard Gotell	Sandra LaPierre
Linda Ward	Dorritt Amos
Mike Grattan	

Deacon Howard led the Pastoral Council in prayer and spiritual reflection. The focus was stewardship: Jesus Way.

Review of Minutes from March 5, 2009.

Reports:

Derek Brennan, Project Manager for the new church building, will be present at the presentation for our new church. The presentation will include a virtual walk-through display of the architect's conception of the worship area, Parish offices, and parish hall.

Pastoral Report:

1. This is our first meeting since Easter and I want to say how well the different liturgical celebrations surrounding Holy Week and Easter were both attended and celebrated.
2. The site for the new church has been prepared and soil testing for construction purposes has been done. The surveying of the property has been reviewed satisfactorily. The right-of-way from Prince Arthur Street has been legally settled. There is one major step to make and that is the submitting of all drawings and specifications to the Bishop's Office.
3. There have been two meetings of a number of parishioners to discuss our current and everyday financial situation. As a result of these meetings a number of activities have been planned:
 - a "books for cottage" sale will be held the last week-end of June;
 - a Jolly Julians concert is set for June 20, 2009;
 - Parish Turkey Supper October 4, 2009
 - Yard Sale October 3, 2009
 - ticket sales on a Beautiful QuiltThere were several other ideas put forward at these meetings but not decided upon. More information to come!
4. Wednesday night Bingo is suspended for now. We have not realized a profit since this time last year. We were operating at a loss the last couple of months. Letters of thank you have been sent to all workers.
5. We are moving to our summer schedule of masses beginning the first Sunday of June this year.

Update from Pastoral Council #2 Stewardship Council:

1. Sandra spoke about the youth gathering which was held April 26, 2009. This was a pizza party and an opportunity for the youth to discuss how our parish can meet the needs of young parishioners in the future, Some of their ideas were:
 - a. nursery for the younger kids
 - b. park behind the church
 - c. 10 am mass
 - d. more food events
 - e. basketball hoop
 - f. upbeat music
 - g. bring a friend to church events
 - h. skills development eventsThere will be a 2nd youth gathering for those students who were not able to attend.
2. The Lenten Gift Boxes which were a reflection on how we are gifted by God.
3. Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting May 30, 2009 in Halifax.

CWL Report:

1. Financial report was given by our treasurer Celina White. We are in a stable financial situation for this year.
2. May 30, 2009 is the CWL Turkey Salad Take Out.
3. The league has been active in the church with doing receptions for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, RCIA candidates, reception on Easter Saturday, pizza party for the youth and several funeral receptions.

There will be a Baked bean supper after the 4:30 Mass September 19, 2009.

Pastoral Council is moving forward to plan some sessions for the fall. "Alpha" was brought forward as one idea.

Pastoral Council meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be June 11, 2009 in the church hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ward, Secretary