

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting January 5, 2006

Present: Father Driscoll, Deacon Gotell, Tony Morley, Maria Kirkpatrick, Jim Nelson, Geoff deGannes, Lillian Bray, Edna Walsh, Sharon Fairfax, Terry Laurette, Darlene White, Pauline Pettigrew, Jeanne Bourque, Frank Allen and Sharon Murphy.

The meeting was held in Nativity Church Hall at 7:00pm on January 5, 2006.

Opening prayer

Welcome by Chair, Tony Morley and best wishes for the New Year.

Minutes of December 1, 2005 meeting – Motion by Frank Allen seconded by Sharon Fairfax that the minutes be approved with change as suggested by Jeanne Bourque.

Business Arising:

- Tony read a letter he and Jeff deGannes drafted to the Archbishop seeking clarification and direction in dealing with the amalgamation of the Parishes. He also read the Archbishop's letter in response to correspondence from concerned parishioners about the amalgamation. Father Driscoll reported the Archbishop has indicated his response to Tony's letter is the same.

Pastor's Report:

- Father noted that there were many favorable comments about the decision to accept the offer of Trinity- St. Stephen's United Church to celebrate our major Christmas celebration there.
- He also reported Bert McWade was trying to revive the Nativity Bingo. We are trying to involve new volunteers to carry out this program.
- The Christmas Cheer endeavor was also a big success. Our parishes served approximately 130 families.
- Both coordinators of the Festival and Bazaar annual fundraising efforts have accepted to lead these projects this year.
- The Annual Prayer Service for Christian Unity will be observed on January 22nd at the Crossroads Church.
- During the Lenten season we will be offering two different levels of scripture studies.
- The next parish meeting will take place Wednesday, January 25th at Nativity Church Hall.

- A newsletter will be sent to all on our mailing list updating what has taken place in our parish with regards to Forward in Faith.
- The finance committees of both parishes have agreed to meet as one. They will meet next in February. Geoff Baldwin will chair the committee and Vince Byrne will act as Secretary.

Other Reports:

- Howard reported on the Confirmation Program. It will run through until May and then start up again in September until Confirmation in November. There will be approximately 30 students in the program. Adrian Amirault, Linda Ward, Linda Harrison and Darren White will lead the Confirmation group this year.
- Jeanne Bourque gave an update on the energy program she has been working on. National Resources Canada workshop for our parishes will take place in late March.
- Lillian Bray and Darlene White gave an update on the activities of the Catholic Women's League. The combined CWL had a successful Christmas celebration. Lillian reported six students were given CWL bursaries for a total of \$800.00.
- Tony reported he had received a letter dated November 30, 2005 from Peter Belliveau expressing concerns about the role of the Parish Council.

Tony presented the Diocesan Pastoral Council study. Council members broke up into two groups to look at the study and constitution. Council members were requested to give these documents more thought. It was felt we would be better prepared to respond to Peter's letter after this.

The next meeting will take place at Nativity Hall on Thursday, February 2, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Murphy
Acting Secretary