

HOLY FAMILY  
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
March 1, 2007

The regular meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council was held March 1, 2007 in the Holy Family Church Hall. Members present were: Jerry Hallee, Jeanne Bourque, Peter Vriend, Father Driscoll, Howard Gotell, John Kellegrew, Darlene White, Adrien Amirault, Gerry Cormier, David LeFurgey, and Sharon Fairfax. Regrets: Celina White, Veronica Richards, Edna Walsh, Sister Teresa Currie and Jim MacDonald.

Chairman John Kellegrew called the meeting to order at 7:05 and asked Father Driscoll to lead in prayer. The reading of the Transfiguration of Our Lord was read and members took part in a brief discussion on the reading.

- Father reported he was unable to attend, the “Newfie Night” evening but it was a very positive and a fun filled evening enjoyed by all who attended.
  - Howard reported on the Pastoral Workshop held on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Although there were only approximately 10 in attendance, it was a very good presentation and discussion on the first segment of Parish Pastoral Council followed. He encouraged all to attend the upcoming workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup>, which will be a continuance of the Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> workshop, and for those unable to attend the first workshop, they are encouraged to attend. Copies of this video will be available at the Church Library and as new members come on Council this will be used to define Parish Pastoral Council.
  - A ten-minute segment of the workshop video of Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> was viewed and comments were exchanged by members with regards to the mandate of Parish Pastoral Council and what it entails.
  - Report on the pancake supper was a complete success as the newly formed Holy Family CWL came together for their first project. Members enjoyed the workday and it was well attended. It will certainly be put on the yearly agenda.
  - Howard reported that St. Pat’s Night would be held in April as the committee felt other St. Patrick events in the area would be taking place. There will however be a potluck supper for all parishioners on March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:00pm, hosted by the Parish Life Committee.
- Pastor’s report:**
- Father Driscoll reported the Catholic Women’s League merged as one with flying colors. He indicated it was one of the most spirit filled and exciting gathering that he has taken part of in a long time. There are over 130 members who signed as Charter Members with approximately 72 at the meeting. Pauline Pettigrew’s reception for her retirement after twenty-two years of being secretary at Nativity Parish went very well.

- Our two catechumens were officially accepted and enrolled in a very beautiful ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral in Halifax on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> following the signing of the official book here at the 11:15 celebration. Howard will accompany three other members of the Parish to a Diocesan Social Action Workshop in Halifax. We have 12 young people and 6 adults registered for Steubenville East Antigonish and the training of new altar servers continues. He also reported the Nativity Rectory will be rented to a family of the parish who plan to begin living there for a limited period of time while they complete the building of their home.
- Peter Vriend reported the Management Committee has spent the month of February on the preparation of the building lot along Prince Arthur St. along with consultation with the Alpha Outreach Society who own and operate in the former St. Charles School. He presented a scale model made by Bert Van Leeuwen as a first proposal, which at present only shows the layout of the church part of the new facility. It was done in response to the initial schedule of the management team and it shows what a new facility can look like but is no means a final product. A number of questions were prepared for parishioners and hopefully they will give some input at the March 8, scheduled public meeting. Geoff deGannes will chair this meeting.

**Other business:**

- Jerry Cormier had been approached by some parishioners as to a break down of the last combined financial income/expense statement. Some members of church felt it should be broken down to see the exact income and expense of the two previous parishes. Father will discuss with Maria.
- Howard advised that Pauline Furlong will be putting out the next parish newsletter and asked that input from various committees within the parish are encouraged and/or members to submit articles of various happenings within the parish.

**Old Business:**

- Jeannie Bourque asked if her last letter was going to be discussed and it was felt that once the Management Committee held their public meeting that this may answer a lot of her concerns.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fairfax  
Pastoral Council Secretary

**Please note: Next meeting Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.**