

## **St. Pius X Parish Council Minutes December 4, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 and began with an opening prayer led by Fr. Chuck.

Members present: Anne Bickel, Jennifer Bradford, Kathy DeLozier, Sue Dunne, Darlene Early, JoDee Jackson, Ashley Karaken, John Kissel, Wilfred Luescher, Patsy Meyer, Patti Vance, Fr. Chuck Walker, Patrick White, and Sr. Mary Elaine Zehnder.

Members not in attendance: Terry Crawley, Joan Echsner, Byron Theodore

The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

**Parish Planning Update:** (Fr. Chuck ) Brian Reynolds met with the Priests' Council and stated the final plan would be submitted to all priests by December 11 and announced in the Record on December 14. The plan our parish council approved before is very close to what will be approved. We will have shared worship space with St. Pius, St. Barnabas, and St. Martha within 3-5 years.

There are other changes within our region: St. Bartholomew and St. Ignatius will be clustered, and St. Bernard and St. Athanasius will not be clustered.

**New Council Member:** Brian Blumeier has been selected to replace JoDee Jackson as the age representative for the 39-49 group. JoDee has agreed to serve as the Administration chairperson for the council.

**John Paul II Academy Update:** (Patrick White) Ann Kalmey, the interim principal, will be leaving on December 15. The school was very fortunate to have her step in and serve; the new interim principal will be named by December 11.

The parish and PTO of JP II split the cost of 95 yards of mulch (\$1500.00) for the playground area which was damaged in the flood last September.

Joel Warren, a member of St. Pius X, put in a new hot water heater in the Sarto House. It had not been replaced in 21 years. His stewardship saved the parish and school quite a bit of money.

Pre-registration for current and new students will begin in January.

A concern was brought to the parish council regarding safety in the parking lot, especially on Market Day. Since Market Day only operates once a month, members wondered if the Market Day volunteers could use the gym for about 2 hours on pick-up days. That would alleviate traffic tie-ups on the rectory side of school and allow the

Market Day truck to have an easier time unloading goods. Patrick White will check on this situation.

**Finance Report:** JoDee Jackson reported that St. Pius received some unexpected income and the year-to-date numbers are looking favorable. She is still trying to get some budget data from Bob Zimlich. From now on, JoDee will attend all finance committee meetings.

St. Pius will be switching our accounting method to an archdiocesan standard chart of accounts. This is a very time consuming task, and Darlene Early has approximately four months to convert from the old system to the new one.

**Stewardship Update:** Approximately 52% of the parish has responded via the stewardship intention form, and 74% of school families have done so. Parents of school children must return a stewardship form in order to get an “active” rate for tuition. The other criteria for receiving an active rate are: making a \$600.00 pledge per year to St. Pius X church, attending 26 Masses each year; and contributing 50 hours a year of service *by any member of the family* to St. Pius X Church.

Patti Vance reported that there is approximately \$38,000 in outstanding pledges from the last stewardship campaign. However, much of that money should come in as parishioners make end-of-year charitable donations.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Parish Life:** (Patsy Meyer) Patsy would like to recognize and thank Diane Thorne for publishing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Dialogue edition. Jennifer Bradford and Sr. Mary Elaine helped Patsy proofread the directory; it should be available 30 days after it is submitted to the printer, and it should be submitted later this week. Other minutes from November 20 are attached.

**Worship:** (Kathy DeLozier) There is still some concern regarding bereavement lunches at St. Barnabas, but St. Pius also offers to have the lunches at the homes of families. Mary Ann Kearney’s family has chosen that option.

The schedule for Christmas weekend Masses will be announced from the pulpit the next two weekends. The scheduled Masses are: December 23—5:00 Mass; December 24 – 9:00 A.M. Mass, 5:00 P.M. Mass, and Midnight Mass; December 25 –10:00 A.M. Mass. Other minutes from November 20 are attached.

**Social Concerns:** (Sue Dunne) Just Creations will host a special sale night benefiting Catholic Charities on December 11. Fifteen percent of all sales that day and evening will be given to Catholic Charities. The Sharing and Caring deliveries will take place on December 17 after the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Other minutes from November 20 are attached.

**Administration:** (JoDee Jackson) JoDee spoke with members of the community center board, and she was told that they cannot hang banners honoring John Paul II athletic championships. Other minutes from November 20 are attached.

**Formation:** (Terry Crawley) Minutes sent via email are attached.

**New Business:** Computer problems within the parish will be fixed over Christmas break. Both John Paul II Academy and St. Pius will work together to fix the server. This should save money and provide better service. The new internet provider will be BellSouth.

There was discussion regarding the next parish council meeting. It will not be held on January 1 because of the holiday; Fr. Chuck has a conflict with January 2 and 8. Therefore, we will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 in the school library.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy DeLozier