

# **Church of St. Catherine Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

## **Thursday November 18, 2010**

Call to order by Pat & prayer led by Fr. Tom. the council gathered for 10 minutes of prayer in the chapel and then moved to the Centennial Room for the meeting.

Roll Call: Present: Mike Smith, Rosie Paquette, Jeff Wieneke, Patrice Hohn., Pat Saum, Norma Stewart, Tom Nelson, and Mark Opitz, Paul Doherty, Fr. Tom, and Mary McLaughlin.

Minutes from Oct.21, 2010 meeting were approved. Motion by Mark/ Paul passed.

Agenda was approved. Motion by Tom / Patrice passed.

### Old Business

A) Church Flooring: Mary M. has organized a Church Flooring Committee. The first meeting will be Monday Nov. 22 at 7:00. The committee members are Mary Aaker, John Oksness, (Finance Council) Pat Saum, Rosie Paquette, (Pastoral Council) Ron Rother & Susan Skattum, (Music Ministry) and Mary McLaughlin (Administration). The committee will study and make recommendation on 3 issues:

a.) constructing an improved music area to the left of the sanctuary.

b.) The pews: while the pews are removed, should we refurbish the bottom & back planks of the pews and so the kneelers need attention?

c.) Floor: should we carpet the entire floor or carpet the aisles and have hard flooring under the pews. (like the sanctuary)

The flooring committee will report to the 2 councils in Jan or Feb 2011. their report will include estimated costs for the options

### New Business

A) Election of Officers: Motion by Paul / Jeff to keep Officers as they are now Pat – Chairman, Paul – Vice –Chair, Patrice – Secretary, passed.

B) Flagpole – Fr. Tom asked the Council if there has ever been a discussion about St. Catherine's having an outdoor display of the flag. Members do not recall any conversation on this topic.

C) Catholic Aid: Fr. Tom asked the Council if there is any interest in the parish of starting a local chapter of Catholic Aid. Other area parishes have one and they enjoy the matching funds provided by Catholic Aid for one fundraiser annually. A Catholic aid information sheet was in the bulletin as an insert last month Motion by Mark / Paul to endorse the idea to inquire about getting it stated here.

D) Ceiling Fans in Church: - Fr. tom asked the council if there has ever been a discussion about ceiling fans in Church for energy conservation. The members do not recall a conversation about the topic.

E) FallFest Leadership: FallFest chairperson, Mike Smith (and Andrea) and Fr. Tom informed the Council that the Leadership Team recommends some changes: have turkey for the meal next year; have different music next year – perhaps having a Polka Mass on alternative years; have a leadership sequence where by a person is the leader for 2 years- training a new leader in the second year. Fr. Tom announced that Mike and Andrea Smith have chosen not to be the Chairmen next year- after serving in that position for 4 years. the council agreed with Fr. tom's proposal that the council responsibility for naming the Chairmen for FallFest 2011. The Council gave a hearty thank you for their

years of service for FallFest. Mary distributed the financial results for FallFest 2010 and this will be a bulletin insert for the people to see.

- F) Catholics Come Home: Fr. Tom gave a follow-up to last month's announcement that our diocese will launch a special pastoral effort to welcome back inactive Catholics. The initiative will use local TV stations to show 60 or 90 second commercials during Lent 2011 to welcome inactive Catholics back to church. The effort will cost \$140,000 and we will have a special collection on Dec. 3-4 to help cover costs. That same weekend a sampling of the ads will be shown in Church. Fr. Tom showed the council a DVD sampling of the ads. Between now & Lent our parish will get ready to welcome inactive Catholics

#### Reports:

- A) Liturgy – Everything is going well the Liturgy committee works hard & is very creative. Mary prepared the new ministry schedule for Nov. –Jan.
- B) Faith Formation – Youth FF is going well. There will be an Advent Festival on Wed. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> with a NCYC soup supper and Dave Goedtko and his family; as a bluegrass band to provide an Advent program. Fr. Tom asked about the future direction of Adult Faith Formation. The turn-out is very small & there are costs for producing materials, media & guest presenters. The council wished for Fr. Tom to continue the effort even when the turnout is very small.
- C) KC's – 5 new members were initiated this week: John Oksness, Eric Hartman, Tim Honek, Craig Schneider, Nate Skattum & Pat Von Tersch. The KC's and LCCW are co-sponsoring the Advent Festival.
- D) LCCW – The Christmas Cookies Sale will be at Winterfest on Dec 4. Poinsettias for families who have lost a loved one this last year will again be offered. CCW Recognition Sunday will be Nov. 21
- E) Finance Council- The condo is rented for 3 months, and the renter may be interested in purchasing. We received a gift of \$10,000 for the building fund. the building project is now about \$18,000. the fiscal Year Report fro 2009 – 2010 is available for the people. The Finance council has been informed that the blue house on the corner of McKenzie & Crawford may be come available if we are interested. Fr. Tom gave a brief history about this issue: during the building project when we purchased ½ of the parking lot along McKenzie, the finance Council asked to be made aware when lots along that side of the block become available for possible future planning purposes. Any action on this involves the Pastoral & Finance Council as representing the parish.
- F) Social Ministry: 3 months of meeting minutes were handed out. The committee is very active and works closely with Lisa Kramer, Catholic Charities Parish Outreach Coordinator for the Worthington Deanery. She has helped plan & facilitate the Adult Faith Formation nights.
- G) Administrator- The finished Annual Financial Report and copies were put in the church. The FallFest financial statement was completed. It was another busy month again.
- H) Pastor: Fr. Tom “Happy Thanksgiving!”

The Next Meeting: Thursday January 20th at 7:00.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Tom

Respectfully submitted,