



*St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council*  
*February 9, 2008*  
*10:00 a.m.*  
*St. Michael's Church Basement*

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

Fr. Mike, Richard Yoner, Corinne Keller, Corinne Turgeon, Don & Sharon Marchand, Chuck O'Neill, Denise Blackstock, Karen Richert, Jim Ganton

1. **Call to order**  
**Don Marchand** called to order the meeting of **St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council** at **10:15 am** on **February 9, 2008** in the church basement.
2. **Meeting commenced with** Don Marchand leading us in prayer.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Don Marchand accepted the agenda with additions.
4. **Approval of January 19, 2008 minutes** – Don Marchand accepted the minutes with the following amendment: 6.1 remove “the parish”.
5. **Business arising from January 19, 2008 minutes**
  - 5.1 **Parish Council Walk-about on November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Discussion took place on how to move forward. Fr. Mike will attend the next building and maintenance meeting.
  - 5.2 **Divine Mercy Canvas** – Fr. Mike explained the background of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The decision made was to support Divine Mercy Sunday; however, the canvas would only be displayed then. Fr. Mike will explain our decision to Gus and Adele Bendoritis .
6. **New Business**
  - 6.1 **Add “nursing” as a ministry** – Jim Ganton brought forth the question whether we are meeting all the physical needs of the elderly and disabled in our parish and whether the addition of a nurse is necessary as the number of elderly increases over the years? No decision made at this time, but Jim will research the idea and bring more information.
  - 6.2 **Circulation of PPC minutes** – A few emails have failed to get to some PPC members and Corinne apologizes for this. The emails are sent out as a group and she has checked and rechecked to be sure all PPC members are listed and once an email is sent out she assumes everyone receives it, but please advise her if you have any concerns. Corinne also addressed the issue whether we

should make PPC minutes available to the whole parish and it was decided that Sandra Woodard the parish secretary would now receive an emailed copy of the minutes once they have been approved at the following meeting and a disc with a copy of all previous minutes would be given to Sandra as well. An announcement would be placed in the bulletin following each meeting and anyone can ask for a hard copy or emailed copy from Sandra. Corinne will also speak to Russell Grigatis about posting the minutes on the website.

- 6.3 Youth Ministry** – Fr. Mike reported that Daniel Filiatreault will be working 15 to 20 hours a month on youth events. He will be encouraged to build a team around himself to start mentoring someone who can step forward in the future to fill his position.
- 6.4 Combine greeters/hospitality** – Karen Richert discussed the idea of combining the two ministries and having two families each Sunday; i.e. one to be greeters and the other to prepare coffee and snacks downstairs. It was decided, that since CWL has taken on hospitality for the first Sunday of each month and the K of C have a pancake breakfast the second Sunday to keep the two ministries separate and fill the remaining two Sundays by passing around the calendar that hangs in the kitchen and asking hospitality families to come forward on a spontaneous basis. It was agreed this is a very important ministry but to keep it simple and follow the same routine.

## **7. Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Pastoral Care** – Corinne Turgeon reported there has not been a lot of change except for the numbers, they presently have two people in the hospital, two home visits and one nursing home visit and all receiving the Eucharist and twice weekly the Eucharist is brought to the hospital. The problem faced right now, is finding out who needs visits or the Eucharist. Fr. Mike will make an announcement at the masses this weekend and also an ongoing notice in the bulletin about pastoral care will be started.
- 7.2 K of C Report** – Richard Yoner gave us the history of when hospitality started and that the K of C in the past reimbursed different groups for coffee supplies. This has changed and now the K of C purchases all the coffee supplies with the understanding they are everyone's supplies. An inventory is usually taken prior to a pancake breakfast, but if you notice anything during the month that needs replenishing do not hesitate to let Richard know.
- 7.3 Cemetery** – Fr. Mike has sent an email to the cemetery committee asking that they start talking about the use of the Nisku facility, in particular budgeting and financing for expanding that cemetery for our use if that is the course of action we are now to take. He has spoken to representatives from Nisku and assured them their area will remain their area and we will develop another area from our budget.
- 7.4 St. Vincent de Paul** – No Report.
- 7.5 Liturgy Committee** – See attached liturgy committee report submitted by Deb Chamulka. Fr. Mike has asked the liturgy committee to make a sign announcing the 2 services on Good Friday and it will be placed in front of the church.

- 7.6 Building & Maintenance** – Richard Yoner stepped down as representative from building and maintenance. Some information from their previous meeting included the following repair items; brick work on the exterior of the church, the sump pump, new furnaces and the possibility of going with a commercial unit, exterior lighting is to be repaired after the scaffolding comes down. Also in consideration, are dolly's for moving chairs and tables in the basement. We presently have part-time maintenance but full-time maintenance may still be an option. As for the kitchen repairs and what needs to be done and who's doing it, various groups will need to get together to decide.
- 7.7 APC Meeting** – Jim Ganton has been attending the meetings. The one for this morning had been cancelled due to weather. This region is having a hard time functioning because they do not align with the deanery. No deanery meeting has been set, but TOPS is to be discussed at its next meeting and this may affect our region.
- 7.8 Finance** – A report from Dennis Bergevin was read and it noted they have received Fr. Mike's email regarding investigating the use of the Nisku site and a finance meeting will be set to discuss the issue when all members are available.
- 8.0 Correspondence** – Flyers were handed out promoting World Marriage Day February 17, 2008 at 1:30 pm at OLPH Parish in Sherwood Park.

Fr. Mike updated us on his condition and he has been told his pain is treatable and that his back is now straight, however, he still experiences neck pain.

Fr. Mike announced Joanne Klone will be on maternity leave beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. An ad will be in the bulletin and in the Western Catholic Reporter looking for someone with theological experience or a teacher to fill the one year maternity leave.

Also, the Catholic School Board has three complimentary passes for the 2008 Catholic Conference March 7 and 8. Contact Karen Richert if you are interested.

**Closing prayer by Sharon Marchand.**

**Next meeting Saturday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Star Outreach School.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.**