



***St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council***

***April 12, 2008***

***10:30 a.m.***

***Star Catholic Outreach School***

***MEETING MINUTES***

**Attendance:**

Fr. Mike, Linda Langlois, John Rozmahel, Corinne Keller, Corinne Turgeon, Chuck O'Neill, Denise Blackstock, Jim & Mary Ganton, Debbie Chamulka

**1. Call to order**

**Denise Blackstock** called to order the meeting of **St. Michael's Parish Pastoral Council** at **10:35 am** on **April 12, 2008** at the Star Catholic Outreach School.

**2. Meeting commenced with** Corinne Keller leading us in prayer.

**3. Approval of Agenda** – Denise Blackstock accepted the agenda.

**4. Approval of February 9, 2008 minutes** – Denise Blackstock accepted the minutes.

**5. Business arising from February 9, 2008 minutes**

**5.1 Parish Council Walk-about on November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Fr. Mike attended the last Building and Maintenance meeting, all that is needed by both parties is better communication and better representation from building and maintenance to PPC. Myra Fraser has been asked to be the representative and we will await a response. A commitment has been made by both sides to strive for this.

**5.2 Add "nursing" as a ministry** – Jim Ganton introduced the idea last meeting as an awareness of what this ministry is. It is an idea that more parishes are looking at and Jim supplied us with two handouts "The Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry" which defines what's involved and qualifications and "The Roman Catholic Dioceses of Kinston Ontario" has put together a historical perspective on the topic. Copies are available from either Jim or the PPC secretary. There is a course offered locally for this ministry at King's College and also an online course. There is not an imminent need for this ministry, but aspects of it could be used in other ministries as our parish ages.

**5.3 Circulation of PPC minutes** – Corinne Keller checked with Russell Grigatis to see if he would be able to post the PPC minutes onto St. Michael's website, as well Sandra Woodard at the office would have a copy of the minutes for distribution to anyone who calls in. A notice will be posted in the bulletin after each PPC meeting that the minutes are available.

## 6. **New Business**

- 6.1 Parish Picnic** – Corinne Keller checked with Tess McConnell and she will not be able to organize the Picnic this year, so Laurie Allen and Corinne will post a sheet at the back of the church asking for volunteers. Some of the same people as last year will coordinate their roles, i.e. Chuck O'Neill will organize the bridge tournament. The dunk tank has been booked again this year and will be used as a fundraiser for Camp Encounter. Fr. Mike has agreed to be in the tank again and we will need to find more volunteers for this as well. The K of C will supply the hotdogs and hamburgers and it will be a potluck style for the rest of the meal. A meeting will be set by Laurie Allen and Corinne to coordinate the volunteers.
- 6.2 Ministry Fair** – A discussion took place on the success of past Ministry Fair's. It will be changed this year in the hopes of attracting more interest to the various ministries in need of volunteers. Starting in September and ongoing we will profile and promote 2 or 3 ministries per weekend. They would have a table set up at the back of the church and Fr. Mike would speak about these ministries during the mass. We would also profile these ministries in the bulletin for that weekend. Every member of PPC was asked to bring this information back to the ministries they represent and let them know what is to come. Jim and Mary Ganton have volunteered to coordinate this and would be in charge of scheduling the various ministries and combining the ones that could share the same weekend.
- 6.3 Elections** – November has been targeted as an Election month and the idea was brought to the table, so that Fr. Mike could look now for new members and they could be invited to the October meeting and then officially elected at the November meeting. Our current constitution reads the following: "parish reps" shall serve for one year and are eligible for two renewals providing the parish council and parish organization are in mutual agreement and "at large" parishioners shall serve for two consecutive years and are eligible for two renewals for a maximum of six years. We do not have an ideal situation currently, in that we all started at the same time. It is asked that some consider staying on a year or 2 more for continuity and also the fact that some "at large" members are also "parish reps" so if they leave a new parish representative would need to be found as well. Fr. Mike asked Denise Blackstock to find out from each current member of PPC what their status is so we know how many new members are needed and this information will be brought to the next meeting and more discussion to follow.

## 7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Pastoral Care** – No Report.
- 7.2 St. Thomas Aquinas** – Mr. L. Gatti has been named the new principal at Notre Dame and vice-principal is still open. Jim McMullen from CTK is taking a one year sabbatical and Mr. Cote will fill that position.
- 7.3 K of C Report** – Year end wind-up is Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the night before the parish picnic. The Knights will get BBQ's for cooking and will leave them at the church to be used for the parish picnic. They will supply the hot dogs and hamburgers for the parish picnic.
- 7.4 Youth Ministry** – No report.

- 7.5 CWL** – The CWL have been active in the following:
- collecting items like sheets, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes and donating them to the Carmelite Nuns in Devon.
  - continue to sponsor Indian families and send them a yearly monetary donation.
  - a non-event fundraiser is planned for April 26<sup>th</sup> where they will sell tea bags and the money raised is for food for the Carmelite Nuns.
  - CWL will be donating \$250 to the purchase of groceries for the RICA meal at the Mustard Seed.
  - It is their goal to have fundraisers to raise money for the parish hall – specifically for a new fridge (but will check with the K of C first).
  - The CWL continues to help with funeral lunches and has also started a prayer chain.
  - The CWL would like to see my Handicapped parking as well as having these stalls clean at all time to make it easier for those needing it. This will be brought forward to Building and Maintenance to see what can be done with this issue.
- 7.6 Cemetery** – A Spring cleaning is being organized and will be posted in the bulletin. Fencing and landscaping needs to be done. The cemetery committee needs to check with Joanne Klone to confirm the actual number of remaining burial plots and then Nisku needs to be contacted regarding availability for our use out there.
- 7.7 Liturgy Committee** – No report.
- 7.8 Building & Maintenance** – Myra Fraser reported a work bee is planned for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and some local business owners and parishioners are providing refreshments to encourage people to join us. The goal is to spruce up the church both inside and (weather permitting) outside especially in the flower beds. They are hoping to have the support of the council and the parish to make our church a better place to be. The brick on the front of the church is looking very good and they are pleased with the work that was done on the upper steeple. Water damage under the brick had started on the wood structure. This has been fixed and the flashing installed correctly to prevent future damage. The eavestrough was fixed, the louvers refaced with aluminum cladding, and the lights shining on the cross at the top of the steeple were fixed. The brick on the sides of the church will be repaired where necessary as Warren's time is available this summer. There is a new member to the committee who has taken on some of our outstanding plumbing issues in the kitchen and bathrooms. A more detailed report will be provided next month on other projects in progress.
- 7.9 Finance** – No report.
- 7.10 St. Vincent de Paul** – The Good Friday collection was \$3600. A fundraiser is planned for Mother's Day weekend at Cliff's Landscaping. They will be asking for student volunteers from CTK. The Edmonton chapter of St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting another book sale May 15-18 and we will collect books at St. Michael's to be forwarded to this sale.
- 7.11 APC Meeting** – RPC Issues reports were handed out and are available to anyone who would like a copy, please ask Denise Blackstock if you want a copy. Missions were discussed and when reporting on Missions we were encouraged

to be specific as to what section of Missions we were working with. This is an Election year for APC and all were asked to discern our present positions and if we would be interested in being on the Executive. Mr. Vrien the Assistant for Human Resources has stated that this is Jubilee Year of St. Paul 2008. It will begin June 29, 2008 and continue to June 29, 2009. There will be a mass at 5:00 p.m. at the Basilica for the launch of St. Paul Jubilee Year. Everyone is welcome to attend. His Grace will be issuing a letter for this Jubilee. Ideas for celebrating St. Paul could be: Study St. Paul, have bible studies on St. Paul, evangelization. ScriptureFest theme could be on St. Paul. Priests will be reflecting on this at their Retreat. An RPC Issue was having pictures on websites... for instance Facebook! Is there a law or is approval needed from parents before children under the age of 18 can have their pictures on the website? After some discussion it appears that with FOIPP – the people who are in the pictures must be notified before posting. Fr. Greg Bittman will check with legal regarding this issue. APC goals and new strategies: Each RPC is being asked to study 5 APC Goals along with their strategies. We are to choose one strategy from one goal to undertake for the remainder of the year. Each RPC will be asked to report on the progress of their chosen strategy at the last APC meeting this year which is at the end of May. For those of us who do not have an active RPC we could look at having a social / BBQ and inviting the other parishes in our region. TIMS workshops are being revised. TIMs 2 is faith formation so that may be looked at as there is a faith formation group. PPC members are strongly encouraged to have TIMs 1 program so that they are aware of their role as PPC members. All PPC and RPC should meet at least once a year – have mass and build a relationship. This is important says His Grace as we are a communion of people – sharing at a BBQ is very important. We need to get to know each other not only in our community but our region as well. This is what I am recommending that we do for our RPC. Information regarding Vocations will be sent to us but in the meantime we were sent prayers and prayers of intercession which has been emailed to all of you.

**8.0 Correspondence** – Friar's Ball coming up, Denise had emailed information to PPC members.

**Closing prayer by Fr. Mike.**

**Next meeting Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church Basement.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.**