

Pastoral Council Meeting December 16, 2010

Present: Father Murray, Kathleen O'Keefe, Natalie Simek, Lauren MacKay, Cherylann Grace, Penny Yip, Nick Snary, John Coderre, Langoya Johnson, Ozzie Buhmann

Absent: Karen Owens, Paul Theriaut, Butch Cavender, Lorne Plooard, Adele Clewlow, David Westlake

Opening prayer and reflection

- Psalm 27 (7-9, 13-14), Gospel according to Matthew (1: 19-24), Our Father

Review of minutes from November 18, 2010

- Accepted.

Discussion of Parish Goals

- It has become apparent that in our monthly meetings we are restricted by time and cannot fully discuss/develop the parish goals. It was suggested to have a Saturday morning session led by a facilitator (i.e., Tamera Nugent) to properly begin to develop each goal. Fr Murray will approach Tamara to ascertain her availability to facilitate a goal-setting workshop.
- The question was asked if there was a definite timeline for these goals, and if so how long?
 - It was stated that there is no specific timeline for each goal; however we don't want them to be dormant.
- The bishop has set a time frame of five years. The development of these goals is an ongoing, dynamic process.
- It is our responsibility as Pastoral Council to identify the needs of the parish and make recommendations. Once given to the pastoral team it is up to them to implement the recommendations as they see best.
- The fulfillment of these goals should develop naturally and we should "go with the flow" on their development.

Handicapped parking

The Pastoral Council has been asked to look into the question of providing more handicapped parking spaces near the church.

- Legally, the church has only five parking spaces, three of which are designated as handicap spaces.
- The rest of the parking lot belongs to the school board.
- Several options of solving the handicap parking problem were discussed:
 - Should all five spaces be designated as handicap spaces?
 - If the church were to go to the school and ask for some of the school spaces to be designated as handicap spaces, as per city bylaw, these spaces would have to be enforced as handicap throughout the entire week (i.e., not only during times of the masses). In the past the school board has been reluctant to give up these spaces since there are not enough parking spaces for the teachers as is.

- Another problem related to the lack of handicap parking is that some cars from time to time park in the fire lane. This is (1) illegal, and (2) can be a potential problem if there is an emergency.
- Other than gentle reminders asking parishioners not to park in the circle in front of the church (a fire lane) and to permit only those with a real need for handicapped parking to use the spaces so designated, there is little that can be done to remedy the current situation.

Pastoral Council picture retake

A photographer will be booked for our meeting on January 20, 2011 to retake the picture of the pastoral council. Hopefully all members team can make it for the picture.

Reports from the pastoral team

- There are no pressing issues from members of the team to be presented at this meeting.
- The Finance Committee did not meet this month; therefore there is no report from Cherylann.

Closing prayer

Next Meeting: January 20th, 2011

Following Meeting: February 17, 2011