

***Paroisse St. Joseph Church
Parish Advisory Board Meeting
March 8, 2007***

Present: Don Petrozzi, Al Masse, Al White, Michael Macri, Ron Burns,
Daryl Rinehart, Tina Dufault, Stu Bertram, Peggy Scott and Liz Monforton.

Absent: Ron Vermette, Yvette Souchereau, and Lorne Rocheleau, excused.

Guests: Vince Laframboise, Frank Robinet, Doris Monforton, Donna Bastien and
Paul Deslippe.

The meeting was called to order and began with the prayer of Jabez said by Don Petrozzi.

The chairperson asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda with the power to ad Motion
made by Stu Bertram, seconded by Liz Monforton. Carried.

The minutes of the February meeting were moved by Ron Burns, seconded by Tina
Dufault. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

- a) The Pastoral Plan is on hold until the clustering is complete.
- b) Al Masse, our Parish Manager who started February 14th, introduced himself and gave us a review of his work background. He is looking forward to getting to know the operations of the Parish and will soon meet with Frank Robinet and his Finance Committee to work out a budget for the coming year. A report of the Operating Results for February was prepared and circulated to everyone.

Business arising from the minutes: none.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds:

- Replacement of Fire Alarm Panel done at a cost of \$1600.
- A Fire Inspection was done by Gerard Drouillard. There were a few remarks made but on the whole everything is in order.
- The pipe insulation will be done when the weather is warmer; this will cost between \$900.00 and \$1000.00.
- Larry & Mary Lynn Lafontaine have approached Yvonne White regarding the repair of some statues. Yvonne has volunteered to repair these.
- Ron hopes to obtain a budgetary estimate for the plastering and painting of the inside of the Church.
- The light bulbs in the Church will be replaced (when funds are available) with Energy Efficient lamps – an estimate is forthcoming.
- the kitchen work is done, some mats were replaced and seem to work better.
- Gerard Drouillard is trying to make a list of everyone who has a key/keys to the Church Building. A memo will be placed in the Church Bulletin.

Ron Burns moved the Building & Grounds report, seconded by Stu Bertram. Carried.

Finance: Report given by Al Masse for the February 2007 Operating Results.

Finance Committee: Frank Robinet has Fr. Michon's approval to present a Seminar to the Parishioners on Charitable Donations. A suggestion was made to have a letter of explanation made available to the Parishioners. Frank will get together with Fr. Michon and work out the presentation format.

Pastoral Workers: A report from Rebecca Bondy was given to all the PAB members. A recap of the Confirmation which was held in February was given. Reconciliation took place at the end of February. First Communion preparations begin at the end of March. First Communions will be over a period of six weeks, starting the last weekend of April. Sacred Heart, St. Clement/St. Joseph and Villanova are preparing a Passion Play for Palm Sunday. This play will be presented at St. Joseph Church on Sunday April 1st. Tickets will be sold at all the Masses.

Liturgy Committee: Vince Laframboise touched on the February 25th meeting. He announced that a special Mass is planned for the Feast of St. Joseph on Monday, March 19th. The French Choir will be singing. Holy Week celebrations are being prepared. Kathy Lovell's Choir along with the French Choir will be joining for the Saturday Evening Service. Receipt of the Liturgy Committee report was moved by Tina Dufault, seconded by Liz Monforton. Carried.

Reorganization/Clustering Committee: The next meeting will be March 20th.

Cemetery Board: Yvette Souchereau reported that the by-laws have been revised and sent to the Ministry for approval. The Chairperson presented the proposed renovations to the crypt at the March 8th meeting. Renovations will begin in May after the food sales have been completed. The fence at the front of the cemetery on Malden Road is in need of repair but further discussions are still needed. Receipt of the report was moved by Tina Dufault, seconded by Stu Bertram. Carried.

Fundraising Committee: Stu reported that the sale of cards average about \$4000 per week. Lorne Rocheleau is selling cards at Villanova High School and St. Joseph's Elementary School is doing some selling as well. A few other fundraisers are probable such as having Music Express give a concert again at our Church and a Mother's Day Dinner is also a possibility. Stu moved receipt of the Fundraising Report, seconded by Peggy Scott. Carried.

French Language Committee: Donna Bastien, Chairperson of the French Language Committee, reported that on Tuesday night, March 6th the Meeting Room was filled to capacity. The Episcopal Vicar, Fr. Roy, along with Janine Griffore from the French Liturgical Services, outlined their 5 year plan. The French Language Committee outlined their proposals at this meeting. The basic needs of the Committee are that a French Mass continue at St. Joseph Church and that help be available to assist with the sacraments at our French Language Schools. Someone is needed to come to the school and prepare the children in the French language. Mme Bastien is planning a meeting with Bishop Fabbro and is asking everyone for prayers to resolve this situation. Receipt of the verbal report from the French Language Committee was moved by Liz Monforton, seconded by Al White. Carried.

Comments by Chairperson:

- 1) A memo on “Measuring Stewardship” was presented and Don Petrozzi asked for everyone to read it.
- 2) A thank you was given to Ron Burns and Paulette Drouillard for helping with the preparation of the Census form & letter included in our Lenten mailing. Thanks also to Doris Monforton, Donna Bastien and Bishop LaRocque for their assistance in the translating.
- 3) There will be a nominating committee formed at the next meeting, as three of our member’s terms are up.

Report from Parish Groups and Associations:

Altar Society: Card Parties are doing well again this year. A Food Awareness Program will be held the first week of April to give a chance to those who missed the first session.

Children’s Church: no report.

Knights of Columbus: St. Patrick’s Day Party is sold out. The Knights are having a Fish Fry on Good Friday. Clarence Dumouchelle is gathering pledges for a Cancer Relay which is held in June.

Ushers Club: No report.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Michael Macri reported that they are working with St. Andrew’s Anglican Church with regard to the Food Bank. The Society’s meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month if anyone would like to attend.

Good Neighbour Committee: On hold until clustering is done.

Food Prep: Apple pie and ice cream will be served after the Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph on Monday, March 19th.

School Liaison: No report.

Correspondence: A letter announcing the Christian Culture Series at Assumption with His Eminence Cardinal Ouellette, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada as the speaker.

Questions by P.A.B. members and guests:

- some members received complaints as to the timing of some of the sacraments held on Sunday afternoons – there seems to be conflict with some special events.
- Some mention was also received with regards to the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass being changed to 11:30. This time seems to be too late for some.
- Paul Deslippe, reported on some water lying at the front entrance of the Church. This will be attended to immediately.

The next meeting will be held April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Vince Laframboise said the closing prayer.

Motion to close the meeting made by Michael Macri, seconded by Liz Monforton. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita Beaudoin