Minutes of Sacred Heart Pastoral Council Meeting  
Wednesday April 11, 2012

In Attendance:  Mary Peters, member  
               Ed Lasuita, member  
               Father Martin Carroll, pastor  
               Anne Marie Watson, Chair  
               Arlene Kloberdanz, member  
               Sandy Usselman, member  
               Cathy McKenzie, liturgy coordinator  
               Jolene Hutmacher, sacramental prep coordinator (secretary)

Absent with Notice: 
   Gorden Deck, member  
   Maria Valencia, member  
   Margaret Velthuis-Kroeze, CWL  
   Colin Gomez, youth

Absent without Notice: 
   David Pye, Vice Chair  
   John McGourty, Finance Council

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**  
The meeting was call to order at 7:10 with Anne Marie Watson welcoming everyone.

2. **Opening Prayer**  
Opening prayer was led by Anne Marie Watson.

3. **Additions to the Agenda**  
No additions to the agenda  
Question about whether or not we had quorum. Since quorum is 5 members, we did indeed have quorum.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
Moved by Ed Lasuita, seconded by Cathy MacKenzie. Passed.
5. **Correspondence**

Letter from the St. Katharine’s Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

- Thanked Sacred Heart for allowing them to put out poor boxes each month.
- Want to Purchase a cube van and requested a donation of $5000.
- They are considering putting in an annual budget list. They do have a society budget to submit.

**Discussion:**

- The letter does not state the income from the poor boxes but Father seemed to believe that it meets the normal needs of the parish.
- Regarding the van, the question of whether a substantial amount was already given to purchase the van (from other groups) and the outstanding amount was $5000, or is the van only worth $5000, and then there might be ongoing requests for maintenance funding.
- Ed Lasuita had a concern that this would open it up for other parish-affiliated groups to request donations of some substance. It was decided that we would deal with others on an individual basis.
- Unable to make a clear decision without talking to finance.
- Motion: Ed Lasuita moves that we approach finance for some money for St. Vincent DePaul. Seconded by Mary Peters. Passed.

6. **Old Business**

**Fundraising**

- Needs to be for a specific thing, not for regular operations of parish. Also needs to be for a specific amount.

- **New pew/kneeler subcommittee:**
  - John Ferguson and Marcel are to talk regarding configuration of church to get a company (preferably Canadian) to build pews.

- Archdiocese says that not having kneelers is not an option.

- Things to look at include:
  - Timeframe for collecting,
  - Possibility of changing

- Ed Lasuita mentioned three major fundraising events coming up, including OLVC, Magdalene House, RDCRD Foundation.

- The three fundraising are not for the parish specifically, although they involve the Catholic community in Red Deer.
Fundraising for pews, specifically the Trade Show and Ham dinner, is put on hold until we get actual number for the cost of new pews/kneelers and a plan. Will move forward when all the numbers are in.

7. **New Business**
   a. **Election**
      - Three members, Maria, Arlene and Anne Marie are at the end of their terms. All three are eligible to stand for another term, according to the Constitution.
      - Anne Marie will be stepping down due to other commitments.
      - Arlene will put her name back in for a second term.
      - Anne Marie will check with Maria to see if she wishes to stand for re-election.
      - There are two others that showed interest in the fall, and Anne Marie will approach them for this election.
      - Notice of nominations will go in the bulletin May 5/6 weekend and will close May 16 (timelines set out in the Constitution).
      - Names of nominees will be announced in the May 19/20 and 26/27 weekends.
      - Voting on May 26/27 weekend, with new members announced June 2/3 weekend.

8. **Reports**
   a. **Pastor**
      - Diocese seeking information from archives of each parish to obtain historical material to help celebrate the Archdiocesan 100th anniversary. The celebration will begin in late October and run throughout the year.
      - Ian MacQuarrie had gathered material for our 100th anniversary in 2006. Who would have this information now? Roberto or Leonard?
      - 50th anniversary of Vatican II being celebrated worldwide this year.
      - Cardinal Collins is in Edmonton on Friday April 13, 2012 in order for the Archdiocese to acknowledge him in his new position.
      - Father is gone to Washington on April 14-16 and gone the evening of April 29 until May 14 to Ireland.
   b. **Social Justice – see report**
   c. **Sacramental Prep – see report**
   d. **Youth – see report**
e. Liturgy – see report
   ▪ Feedback from Triiduum:
     • Mostly positive
     • Lack of sound in the hall – needs to be looked at
     • Leave a sleeve of hosts at the table in the hall just in case there aren’t enough as this can’t always be judged prior to Mass starting.
     • Starting at the font on Palm Sunday instead of everyone in the hall worked better.
     • General: At Communion, have Father always get done first so he can head back to the altar to start cleaning vessels.

f. Finance – see report
   - Discussion was held on estimated cost of the heating/cooling system. Projection date to put this in is for the summer.
   - Presentation about getting this done will be given this spring. Date will be set at a Mass when Father is here.

h. K of C – no report
   • Hosting wine and cheese at CWL convention on April 20
   • Donated $3500 to purchase a floor scrubber for the parish
   • 3 new members, with more showing interest.
   • Charity fundraisers, in top 3 this year. Last year was #1.

i. School Board: see report
   • Father asked about bill 2 from the school board’s view.
     • Anne Marie commented that there were 3 issues with the bill. Need to clean up the language in the sections dealing with shared facilities and Minister’s right to appoint board members (to ensure the rights of Catholic boards). Also concern with the wording around parents as primary educators.
     • Not sure of what will happen with the bill as it depends on the new government.
   • Priority for the Board is a new high school in the northeast corner of Red Deer. Notre Dame is at capacity, and there is only room for 2 more portables (which are coming this year).
j. Spanish Community
   • Selvin Morales says things are going great.
   • Father Martin talked to Father Oscar about how things were going. Father also commented on discussion with Archdiocese with the Spanish masses happening here and how to proceed.

9. Closing prayer: Jolene led the closing prayer.

10. Adjournment
    a. Ed Lasuita motioned for adjournment at 9:05

Next meeting: May 30