

**Cluster 5 Pastoral Council Meeting  
Minutes of September 30, 2008**

**Cluster Members Attending:** Sandra Willard, Rose Rush, Jodi Vaznis, Paula Adams, Tom Robinson, Sandra Lyons, Carol Tanous, Lana Robinson, John Doe, Paula Sprague, Kathleen Albert, Charlie Theriault, Rose Legassey, Charleen Rossignol, Deacon Danny Watson and Fr. Joel Cyr

**Also Attending:** Jean Gagnon and Barbara Waters

**Meeting Business:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 by Sandra Willard.

Two parishioners were welcomed to two new positions on the Cluster Council which were mandated by Bishop Malone; Charleen Rossignol as Business Manager and Danny Watson as Pastoral Life Coordinator.

Mass Readings of the day were read by Sandra Willard and Deacon Danny Watson as opening prayer.

Reading of the Minutes of the June 17, 2008 Cluster Meeting were read by Rose Legassey. It was noted that Harold Quackenbush is no longer a member of the Cluster Council. The Minutes were accepted.

Fr. Cyr noted that the four Finance Council Members present were not notified that this meeting was designated solely a Pastoral Council Meeting. Paula Sprague, a member of the Finance Council, asked how communication could be improved. Fr. Cyr suggested that those Finance Council Members present could break into a separate meeting to discuss how to resolve the concerns about communication.

Fr. Cyr informed the Pastoral Council that he would, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, lead a Pastoral Strategy for Cluster 5 Meeting at a pot luck supper beginning at 5:30 at St. Peter's and a second strategy meeting will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 as well, both to discuss pastoral commissions.

The Evangelization Inventory was addressed. All Pastoral Council Members were asked to gather the information needed at each worship site to complete up to page nine in Section One of the "Tool for the New Evangelization: A comprehensive evangelization inventory for parish/cluster leaders". Pastoral Cluster Members all reported having difficulties knowing from where and how to get figures for the inventory.

When all Cluster Members returned together as an entire Council the following items and concerns were discussed:

Lana Robinson, of St. Benedict's related that the search for a replacement Council Member for Skip Madore has been unfruitful. The Council Members from St. Benedict's will need to go back to the by-laws to determine how to continue the discernment process.

Kathleen Albert and Tom Robinson spoke about a marriage prep conference which neither of them was able to attend. However, they stated they would seek out the primary information discussed at the conference.

Paula Adams told us that she and her husband, Doug, would be attending a conference tomorrow, October 1<sup>st</sup>, to discuss methods of developing a Cluster-wide marriage prep council.

Kathleen Albert spoke also to materials she received from the Dioceses discussing various Family Life Commission issues including how to enhance Family Life Commission activities.

Deacon Dan told the Council of potential site changes for Masses and Word and Communion celebrations at each worship site within Christ the Divine Mercy Parish with a tentative starting date of December 1<sup>st</sup>. The potential changes would be in relation to trying to continue to find ways to reduce costs within the entire Cluster. He said that referring the matter of changes to the Worship and Spirituality Commissions of each worship site for their discussion was necessary. Danny stated that the potential changes for places for Mass sites would include Masses at St. Martin's being held in the basement of the church and Masses at St. Peter's being held in the Parish Center with exceptions at each site for Masses at Christmas, New Year's Day and funerals. He further stated that individual worship site Finance Commissions would need to gather data to show to all parishioners why potential changes may be necessary. Further, Charleen will get data regarding amounts of money for fuel each worship site has spent over the last year and will be compared to costs of fuel now and projected costs for the winter of '08/'09. Further discussion of this topic will be had at the next Cluster Council Meeting in November. Fr. Cyr said that local Worship and Spirituality Commissions need to begin working on hard facts as to how Worship will be conducted throughout the Cluster.

The need for a new secretary for the Finance Council to take Cluster meeting minutes was discussed. Rebecca Smith has resigned her position. A plea for new applicants will be put in all worship site bulletins.

A reminder about the concert given by Tatiana on October 17th at 7:00 at St. Peter's was given to the Council.

A motion to adjourn was accepted and a reminder that the next Cluster Council Meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. was given.

Fr. Cyr led a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Legassey