

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES!

MONDAY April 08~ 2002

Attendees: Fr. Tim K Johnson, Elnta Penaranda. Sonya Simril, Dorian L. Laird, **Stephen P. Howe**, Alema Rayman, Frits Fynaut, Norah Hippolyte, Wendy Jose, **Alex A.i.** Schmitt, **Jack O'Hara** and Charles **Gittens**

1. Opening Prayer: Offered by Frits Fynaut

2. Approval of Minutes: Corrected by Fr. Tim, Mins, by Elma Penaranda. seconded by Wendy Jose

3. Suggestions for Pastoral Councils

Elma Penaranda read **Chapter 5 – Pastoral Council and Pastor** – Chair person and Facilitator run the meeting, promotes dialogue, facilitator, Asst. Facilitator and Recorder prepare agenda for representative and Deanary Gatherings; invite members to share with the council. Participates **in** the selection process for new members. Hospitality Team sets the meeting – 1 or 2 people responsible for climate of room. Committees – Youth. Evangelical etc., **Frits** suggested that Chapter 5 be the first Chapter read **at** the beginning of the Council's next year, Fr Tim suggested Chapter 7. The agenda should be received before the meeting. Norah notes Page 21. Chapter is very important, **it** identifies who and what we are – Council sees the bigger picture. **Fr Tim** points out, we shouldn't be in the details but **be** able to view the whole picture from a distance. Work on how we can invite people to join the parish, are we meeting the needs of the parish. Norah likes how we share the tasks.

3. A. Pastor's Report

- 1) Joanne Harbour's address change idea was great— Bulk mailing list was 850. Norah and Fr Tim Easter Mailing pulled 50 ex-parishioners. We now have 740 households on Mailing List..
- 2) Demographics – Diocese has hired a company which will digest census and notify us what our people are like. Company is willing to have 20 people in the parish who can get the demographics. Focus can be on people who live in the boundaries of the parish. we can focus on parish. Would be helpful **to** school. Frits – we still count the congregation at the 1st of the month. Norah can assign a couple of youth to measure pew length and determine average **4** that could sit in a pew. Finalizing changes – organ man will be here Monday, plastering completed, painters. fire marshall came but couldn't complete work, various people have helped, gap between choir pews have been fixed. Stu MacIntyre has done many jobs for the parish one thing he is looking at is putting handrails in couple of areas.
- 3) Norah will publish in bulletin ~ve have 2 low flow toilets to give away. Fr Tim is looking into where the dinner will be held.

B. Faith Formation – Funding – Norah to get people to the Fund Raiser. had an idea about Raffle Tickets – we need prizes. Ask Gil for wine, Elma is to get people to attend the Town Hall meeting. Wendy – 3 or 4 people are interested in going to RENQ.

C. School Report — (see report)

Charles asked what were the number of students in a class? No other questions.

D. Old Business – Renewed focus on Ministries – contact Gil. Frits – New Members – **Fr Tim** suggests signup sheet for nomination will be in church, will put in Bulletin, need to have a date set. Next Mtg will have names. Circulate new newsletter for Pastoral Councils – **Fr Tim** mentions this will be published less than monthly. Everything in Dorian's article comes off well. How can we promote ourselves better? **Wendy** mention's visiting musicians Jennifer's Father at the 8:30 a.m. mass.

E. New Business--

Read Acts of the Apostles. we need to work more to promote the parish – Parishes – St Elizabeth has 8000 members, suburban Churches Walnut – Dublin – have large congregations.

F. Closing Prayer —

Dorian Laird — adjourned at 8:50 p.m.