

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 4, 2006**

PRESENT: Giselle, Venerando, Terry, Andrew, Paul, Shelley and Pat.

ABSENT: Fr. Richard

1 Opening prayer was led by Giselle.

2 Adoption of agenda.

3 Adoption of previous minutes

4 Old Business: Report from Terry

a) YOUTH GROUP GYM EQUIPMENT

Dialogue in progress with St. Mary's P.E. teacher.

Terry said that the Youth group having their own equipment and storage space may be the best solution. Terry will speak to the Youth co-ordinator. Then the Youth Group can approach the parish for funding.

b) PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

October is not viable: The photography company is not active in B.C. after June 2006, so our original idea of utilizing this company's services is not feasible.

SUGGESTED OPTION: To organize ourselves and do our own digital photos, with nominal fee for the directory.

Additional names put forward to assist in phoning re: the directory: Josephine Nykoluk, Edna Cutway, Shelley Stang, Lily Girard

CONCLUSION: The Parish Photo Directory is on hold for further evaluation as to the feasibility of going forward with this project.

c) TREE OF LIFE

Banner is completed except for the rod to hang it from. When will it be hung?

SUGGESTION: To edge memorial cards with a thin red ribbon to offset the white background of the banner. All agreed.

5 NEW BUSINESS:

a) STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

In Vancouver, June 8-9, 2006

Giselle & Fr. Richard are looking for members of Pastoral Council to attend. We should let them know as soon as possible. This is a worthwhile opportunity to explore Stewardship and how it impacts our parish community.

b) SUNDAY EVENINGMASS IN THE CITY:

Possible Summer schedule

Regional Meeting discussion re: Sunday evening Mass.

1st suggestion: Rotating schedule with priests from different parishes celebrating the evening Eucharist. Is a Sunday evening Eucharist a “need” or a “want?”

2nd suggestion: Try a summer evening Mass on a trial basis as a pilot project. Would accommodate shift workers, summer travelers etc.

St. Mary’s Liturgy Committee OK with this. PPC OK with this.

We will survey the parish via the “Grrapevine”, website and pew surveys.

Other parishes are responsible for their own surveys.

c) COMMUNITY EVENTS.

Discussion around the idea of how we can build community in the parish.

Different ideas were suggested:

Parish picnic/barbeque

Community project clean-up (April 23 for the City of PG) or clean one km of highway or Cottonwood Island Park.

West Lake weekend campout at diocesan property (like SHC does)

Diocesan Youth Conference closing mass - April 30th – all parishes invited to come together.

6 REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP. PASTORAL LETTER PART 3.

Tabled until next meeting to give members a chance to read the material.

7 OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Suggestion: “Sermon in a Box”- a means of giving shut-ins or anyone an opportunity to reflect on the Sunday Homily. We could ask Dave Rubadeau to help us set up the sound system so that we could feed through the microphones into a tape deck. Easy then to burn onto CD or duplicate the tapes. Could then build a library.
- b) Suggestion: That Mass be videotaped & presented once a month on our community channel.

8 NEXT MEETING: MAY 9TH, 6PM IN THE RECTORY.

9 ADJOURNED 8:30PM