

## **Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish**

Pastoral Council

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2008

**Present:** Fr. Bertrand, Lori Arsenault, Anne Johnson, Erik Johnson, Christine Thibeault, Ray Rier, Pat Wallace, Sr. Carole Jean Lappa, Julie Opperman, Rhonda Desrochers

### **1. Opening Prayer**

### **2. Accept minutes from last meeting**

### **3. Commission Reports:**

- **African Ministries** – Lori Arsenault reported that they are having some one translate the Disciples in Mission Prayer
- **Cluster 21 Council** –Christine Thibeault and Ray Rier reported that the next Cluster council meeting will be held on 2/10/2008 and the agenda would be about setting goals. Ray said the cluster is in a growing phase and that we should let everyone know that the Disciples in Mission program groups that are forming will be 1 ½ hours long and that they will be offering some for families and for youths. Christine reported that she has found the clustering process a very positive and unthreatening experience. The cluster has a website where all information from all parishes in the cluster can be viewed and used in the weekly bulletins, [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org).
- **Faith Formation** – Fr. Bertrand announced that confirmations will be held at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish on June 29, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. with Bishop Malone. Christine Thibeault was going to take the training for teaching Protecting God's Children program but has discovered that it is being held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the work week on two days when she has previous commitments. This short notice and inconvenient time prevents her from attending. She will see if they will offer training at other locations at a more convenient time. Lori would like to be able to have a list, at the parish, of all parishioners who have attended Protecting God's Children, so that when volunteers are needed the church will know if they need to attend the program before they begin their volunteer work. Fr. Bertrand will speak to Maggie about this.

- **Hispanic Ministries** –Fr. Bertrand said that Sister Patricia is forming a Disciples in Mission in the Hispanic community and that it's going well.
- **Parish Life** –Christine reported that on February 3, 2008 after the 9:45 a.m. mass the Mardi Gras Breakfast will be held. The Cookie Sale will be held February 10, 2008 after the 9:45 a.m. mass. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day March 15, 2008. Christine will get applications for the food license for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and the Empty Bowl Supper. The next Parish Life Commission meeting will be held on February 13, 2008 at 5:30 a.m.
- **Pastoral Ministries:** -Sister Carole Jean reported that there are no candidates for the R.C.I.A. program. Also, they are doing the Disciples in Mission at 75 and 100 State Street. Lori wondered if there were enough people in the parish who didn't know what R.C.I.A. is about and if we should put something in the bulletin.
- **Social Justice & Peace:** - Anne Johnson said the Food Pantry was going very well and that they had added two new members, Rosemary and Bob Babcock, and they have joined the Social Justice & Peace Council. Ideas on how to get more food was discussed, such as having a second collection be held and use the money to purchase what is needed for the pantry. Also, if money is collected in what way would it be deposited so that it was earmarked for the Food Pantry? Fr. Bertrand discussed how all the money is deposited under separate categories for accounting practices. SJ&P collected \$400 for the needy family. Anne submitted a report of the Social Justice & Peace meeting held on 1/9/2008.
- **Stewardship:** -Farther Bertrand said the furnace project is going really well, almost done. The Bishop appeal has reached 85% of its goal and Fr. feels this is wonderful considering the furnace project. The new envelope system is in place and this should save us money and they have been giving out the electronic payment system also.
- **Worship & Spirituality:** -Fr. Bertrand reported Christmas Mass was well attended except for the Spanish Mass. They might not have a Spanish Mass for Christmas next year because a lot of the Spanish families are not around to attend. Pat Wallace said that the Blessings of the Throat will be held on February 2nd & 3rd. Ash Wednesday will be February 6, 2008. They will be handing out the Preface Prayer each week and will need volunteers for decorating for Holy week.

#### **4. Old Business**

**Lending Library** –Julie Opperman continues to work on this project.

#### **5. New Business**

**New Parish Council Members** - Lori & Fr. Bertrand wanted everyone to be thinking about people they know who might be interested in being on the council. Vice chair Julie Opperman may be following up on this initiative. Nominees should be registered parish members who understand the issues of the parish and are able to consistently attend the Parish Council meetings on the third Wednesday of every month (Except December and the month of Holy Week). Council members should bring nominations to the next meeting, with a little bit of information about each nominee. A Discernment meeting will be held in the spring.

There will be a Council meeting on February 20, but no Council meeting in March.

Rhonda Desrochers, Secretary

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