

Klingbeil also proposed involving the youth from both the day school and the religious education programs in the tri-parish clean-up that that Social Concerns Commission is planning. This would be an opportunity for the youth to get their volunteer hours in as well as get involved with a parish activity.

Social Concerns Commission – The Social Concerns Commission meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Stewardship Commission – Marty Kyles commented on the Ministry Fair, planned to coincide with the “Advancing the Mission” activities scheduled for the weekend of May 5th and 6th. Marty distributed a letter the Stewardship Committee plans to use to recruit groups to set up booths for this fair. **The Pastoral Council approved the content of the letter and the dates of the Ministry Fair.** Discussion followed on appropriate ways to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond expectations to promote the efforts of their groups. It was noted some people like the public acknowledgement and others prefer not to be singled out. If a formal recognition is going to be extended, it was felt this activity should be extended to all volunteers, but an individual thank you from a leader to a volunteer who has provided exceptional service is always an option.

Worship Commission – With regard to the art and environment preparations for Lent and Easter, the Womens Club is willing to assist but they are awaiting direction and are starting to become concerned because Lent is approaching. Father Don agreed to contact Sister Clarita to follow up with the Womens Club representatives. The topic of planning the celebration of St. Jude Parish’s 50th anniversary was introduced by the council, however it was decided no action would be taken until after Easter.

BUDGET AND
PERSONNEL FOR
NEXT FISCAL YEAR:

Father Don reported the Finance Committee is working on the budget for next year. With regard to the salary budget and the additional linkage of St. Patrick’s Parish, another 0.75 full-time equivalent to work with the Social Concerns ministry will be included in this budget. Other staffing increases being considered include hiring a deacon as well as a musician minister for each church.

PRIESTS’ HOUSING:

Since Father Pete is a Norbertine, he has been living with members of his community. However, with Father Pete’s term with the linked parishes ending at the beginning of the summer, a diocesan priest will be assigned to the linked parishes, which means the current housing situation for the priests needs to be expanded. As such, Father Don has made arrangements with the nuns leasing the rectory space at Annunciation Parish to switch locations. During the summer, the nuns will move to St. Joseph Parish’s rectory and the priests will move into the larger living quarters at Annunciation Parish.

SCHOOL BUILDING
UTILIZATION:

Two parties have expressed an interest in the school building. In one case, the party has offered to purchase the building; the other party would lease it. Both proposals are being considered and more information will be shared with the council as it becomes available.

TRANSITION
COMMITTEE:

As mentioned at the last council meeting, a Transition Committee has been formed to coordinate the linkage of Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude and St. Patrick Parishes. The Transition Committee includes representatives from each parish as well as Father Don. The first meeting for this group is scheduled for March 3, 2007. Once the Transition Committee has prepared its proposals for the linkage, all four Pastoral Councils will be asked to meet jointly to review the report from the Transition Committee and finalize the details. The joint meeting is anticipated to be called in late March or early April.

ADVANCING THE MISSION:

The Pastoral Council was asked to approve the case appeals for the “Advancing the Mission” Stewardship Campaign. The identified priorities include:

1. Allocating the first \$15,000 for the St. Joseph's Don Bosco Youth Center to send a statement to the youth that St. Jude Parish is committed to supporting their faith life through a setting that encourages them to come together to worship and to share their talents and is dedicated solely to this mission.
2. Paying off one-half of the parish debt (approximately \$100,000);
3. Replacing the windows in the church (approximately \$100,000);
4. Replacing the windows and the roof of the Tri-Parish Office (approximately \$75,000).

The Pastoral Council voted unanimously to approve these allocations.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Recorder:

Beth Markon