PASTORAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2010

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Deacon Schofield. Members present were James O'Leary, John Lavallee, Suzanne Paquette, Deacon Bill Schofield, Joseph Calise, Roland Roy, Patricia Rose, and Walter Richardson.

Father Lemlin inquired if there were any questions or comments regarding the minutes of the previous meeting. There being none, Father Lemlin proceeded with the agenda. The first item was the status of the roof repairs. Father Lemlin noted that three bids had been received in the amounts of \$11,000, \$16,000, and \$23,000 for the same scope of work. The low bidder is Furey Roofing and they have begun taking core samples. The work should begin soon and the only additional cost would involve asbestos removal if any asbestos is encountered.

On the topic of the church hall floor, Father Lemlin noted that the laminated floor had been removed. Roland Roy reported that the laminated floor material had been saved and can be used for other projects. Also, he said that the tiles that were coming up were re-glued and that in his opinion the floor has another 10-15 years of use left. Roland Roy noted that the doors were working again and he suggested switching the doors and hinges as the ones on the rectory side are not used as much. Father Lemlin said that after the bazaar the floor would be cleaned, sealed, and waxed by a professional company.

Father Lemlin reported that a room was being constructed behind the church office to create an area in which he can meet with people in a less formal setting. The laminate (from the church hall) is being used on the first level floor. Steve is doing the work, so there will be no extra cost. Volunteers have been helping out at the front office, answering the phone and updating data. There will be a half wall built so that Debbie can concentrate on her work.

Father Lemlin noted that the church had entered into an agreement with Cox Communications for phone services. It should be operational in November. There will be voice mail instead of an answering service. The Grandmas Attic telephone will be part of the package. If anyone calls the parish telephone number with an emergency, they will be connected to the rectory.

The topic of the boiler was discussed. Father Lemlin noted that the fire eye needs replacement at a cost of about \$2600. A general discussion ensued about replacing the boiler with a new system. Roland Roy strongly suggested having an appeal for donations for such a project as was done in the past for the organ and stained glass windows. Joseph Calise brought up the fact that a new system would be more efficient and would create savings in fuel costs. Father Lemlin said that it was too late in the season to look at such a project and the costs for asbestos

removal with the existing system could be substantial. Father Lemlin promised that the topic would be looked into in the spring.

A variety of issues were discussed under the topic of new business. Roland Roy suggested having two separate collections for fuel costs as had been done in 2005. With two collections, enough money might be collected to cover the actual fuel usage. Father Lemlin noted that the religious education program was going well. A bible study will take place on Monday evenings.

Father Lemlin stated that about the same number of people are using budget envelopes as in the past. So far the income is about \$6500 below the estimated amount in the budget and expenses are about \$9100 less than anticipated. Father Lemlin asked if anyone had an opinion about the music at the 8 am Mass and 10 am Mass. Suzanne Paquette remarked that she would like to see more familiar hymns and James O'Leary expressed a concern about the loudness of the organ. John Lavallee said that at the next choir meeting he would bring up the topic of more familiar tunes. Patricia Rose inquired about the choir and Father Lemlin said that five people attended the meeting and that it is a work in progress. Joseph Calise inquired if there was any parish consolidation being considered in the Pawtuxet Valley. Father Lemlin replied that things are quiet on that topic at the present time.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, November 30, 2010.

There being no further business Roland Roy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by James O'Leary and unanimously approved.