

Parish Council Meeting 2/27/2010

“We find Christ here. We bring Christ into the World.”

Meeting Began: 9:15am

Parish Council Members Present:

Dave Dwyer, Barbara Tucci, Fr. Ken Wood, Paul Tartabini, Carmen Lane, Bill Collins, Linda Wahlert, Tina Wandersee, Rafael Benet, Scott Wood, and John Lockwood.

Pastor’s Update:

1.) Parish Staff Changes:

- Donna Gauthier’s position has been filled – Rhonda Wissinger has accepted the offer to be the new administrative assistant (Rhonda has since declined the position due to personal reasons and Carla Weimer has been offered and accepted the position).
- Mary Ann Steigelman, Social Ministry Coordinator, has decided that she will be retiring at the end of May.

2.) Facility Needs Listening Sessions:

- Due to inclement weather the Listening Session scheduled for February 14, 2010 had to be unexpectedly canceled.
- New date and time will be coming soon.

3.) E-giving and Offering Totals:

- Questions have arisen about the totals for the Sunday offertory which are listed on the back page of the bulletin. It appears as if the offertory is down by \$1000.00 vs. last year.
- E-giving is not listed in the bulletin weekly and the average of this method of giving is the difference that has been noticed in the comparison to last year.

4.) Guatemala Visit:

- The building that was being done has been completed and while the Parish in Guatemala is looking to build a Rectory that is not a project we are involved with.
- The trip to Guatemala is one of cultural experience... immersing ourselves with the culture and the people to see how we can best meet their needs.
- The Mission Group will be checking on the students that some of the Parishioners are sponsoring and making sure the money is going to what its intended purpose is.

New Business:

1.) Special Religious Education:

- This is a way of bringing faith community to those who are marginalized.
- Looking for volunteers from this parish and participants from this parish as well as surrounding parishes.
- Funding is needed... asked for monetary support from the Knight’s of Columbus
- Would this be a way to get the youth of our parish involved?
- The next step: Getting with other parishes to find out what needs are out there.

2.) Ministry Liaison Assignments:

- Not everyone has a ministry assigned to them.
- Dave will bring the listing and we will discern ministry liaison assignments at the March meeting.

Staff/Council Liaison Meeting:

- Invite John Chesney to next Parish Council Meeting to discuss how St. Michael's hall can and can not be used and the expectations. The discussion on the issue of the hall being available for use by ministries of the parish was very lengthy. Bottom line is the ministries are having difficulty securing the hall due to it already being booked... problem with one day events taking up the whole weekend due to prep and clean-up. Father has made it clear that his intentions are for the hall to be available for parish needs.
- Retreat Planning... going with this full tilt (end of September 1st retreat). Looking at this format: Friday night (social get together) Saturday (all day) and ending at 5:00pm Mass. From that would grow other retreats... still in planning stages. Looking for conversion of our parish - fire needs to be lit and kept burning. Best case scenario is to have it overnight to allow people to come into contact with the Divine. Question arose: Is it possible to do an overnight retreat with the team who will put this on? Next steps for Retreat Planning: facility, team, content... Paul suggested we get input from Steve Branning (invite to next liaison meeting)... Father feels we need to include those from outside of the Parish as well. Spent time tossing out names for a core planning team: Theresa May, Lisa Jones, Michele Weaver, Barbara Tucci, Bob Arduini, Steve Branning, Troy Bourne, Cathy Eanes, Michael Guida, Julie Hill, Charlie Manriquez, Paul Tartabini, Dave Dwyer, Shorty Melendez, Guillo, Francisco Anleu. Father will invite these people to a meeting. March 8, 2010 next liaison meeting. Facility is a key piece in the retreat planning.

Ministry Liaison:

- 1.) Agenda item for next time to go over liaison assignments.
- 2.) **RCIA** – Dave continues to ask for prayers for the candidates especially tomorrow 10am - Called to Continuing Conversion for those who have been baptized whether in our own church or another Christian faith. Process is one of catechesis.
- 3.) **Adult Faith** – Mission coming up. AFF also looking to have a Bible Study. And there was talk about merging committee's into one (POF Core Team, Adult Faith, etc...)... all these groups seem to be working toward the same goal.
- 4.) **Welcoming Committee** – Members of Committee will speak at the next POF meeting to solicit families to consider being host families. Will have a Welcoming Mass in April... and information available at the Store for those who are new to the Parish to inform them when the next Welcoming session will be.
- 5.) **Men** – Steve recommended book for the men to study... kick off with Men's Prayer breakfast. A suggestion was made about a common prayer that everyone can pray together at the end of Mass at all Masses during a particular time.
- 6.) **Hispanic Community** – Good Friday Station of the Cross – living – bilingual.
- 7.) **Liturgy** – There is no news. Meeting cancelled due to snow. Triduum Masses? Bilingual? Father says: Yes, Bilingual. Time? 8:00am

Questions from the Pew:

- 1.) Male parishioners have asked Shorty about Deaconate study? Dave, Francisco or Guillo can talk to Shorty about it.
- 2.) Is there a budget for the Hispanic Community and what is it used for? Francisco can answer this for Shorty.
- 3.) Issues with the Stations of the Cross: still some rough edges that need to be worked out.
- 4.) Social Justice: Is anyone going to speak from the pulpit about the Consensus? It's a government thing... not a parish thing.
- 5.) People like Father standing at the ambo... they can hear him better. There are those who like Father walking around better. What to do?

Side Items:

- The parking lot needs to be re-stripped... it is hopeful that this can be a volunteer project.

- Father requests, once again, that we begin our meeting with the question of the week. Those volunteering to lead prayer should plan on doing this and then for closing the meeting a prayer of choice can be used.

Next Council Meeting: March 27, 2010

Food: Barbara Tucci and Paul Tartabini (If we are meeting at the Prayer Breakfast everyone will be notified)

Prayer: Tina Wandersee

Meeting Ended: 11:15am

Respectfully Submitted in the Absence of Mary Chapman,

Tina Wandersee