

# Parish Council

***"We find Christ here. We bring Christ to the World."***

Minutes from Parish Council Meeting February 25, 2011 ~ Meeting was called to order by Chairman Barbara Tucci at 9:15.

In attendance: Fr. Ken Wood, Shorty Melendez, Carmen Lane, Daryl Groseth, Mary Chapman, Bill Collins, Linda Wahlert, Lucy Oliver, Paul Tartabini, Scott Wood, Rafael Benet, Barbara Tucci, (Absent – Patti Topp)

## **Staff Guest – Julie Hall**

Julie came to share her role in the parish and answer questions.

- Julie coordinates areas of ministry involved in Liturgy (Ministers of Communion, Ushers, Linens, Wine Ministry (this ministry is filled), Intercessory Prayer Writers (has grown from 1 to 6 currently), Sacristans (has grown from 1 couple to several), Environment (holy water fonts, plants, etc.), scheduling
- Changes/Updates? – New Altar Server Coordinators (husband/wife team coming on board in March); additional Mass Coordinator (Mia Siochi); New Coordinators for Proclaimers/Lectors (McCaffertys); Ushers Ministry is looking at some revisions in the near future
- Needs? – Funerals ministry could use volunteers for daytime receptions – The HOPES Team assists the families in the details of hospitality. The family decides if they want a reception at the church. Funding is through parishioner donations (some donate specifically for this ministry). Volunteers do not have to stay for the Mass and Reception.
- Arts & Environment is a work in progress. Current project under development for 4 artist volunteers to assist in creating a new Easter candle (could save the parish several hundred dollars)
- Drama for Lent for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Lectors and people with drama experience help maintain the quality of the dramas which will try to stay true to the Lectionary
- New Roman Missal – changes to occur with Advent 2011. Julie has tapped into some good resources. We asked about the possibility of having a parish introduction to the changes. To be continued...
- Changes in Lent – the procession and recession will be more streamlined and easier to set up
- Liturgy bulletin board – it was noted that the Liturgy in Spanish was not represented in the activities.
- Liturgy questions regarding consistency in procedures for English and Spanish speaking ministers– Guidelines have been provided to Francisco for every liturgical ministry. Francisco needs to translate and forward to affected lay people. Julie is willing to assist upon request.
- What happened to Liturgy & Worship Committee? - Julie is in the process of re-evaluating the need for this committee. Julie defers to Fr. Ken, Janet and Hart for Liturgical planning as they carry the history. It was suggested to add Music, Julie and Hispanic Coordinator to this planning group.
- Julie's role in the parish touches a lot of people. A challenge is to strike a balance between aesthetics (for it to look properly) and community support
- Concerns over scheduling for Ministers of Communion in Spanish (not consistent with scheduling in other Masses). Julie offers support for those in charge of Liturgy. It is up to them to implement.
- Why no bilingual Mass for Ash Wednesday and other special days? Fr. Ken addressed this topic. People pray best in own language. Historically, attendance at bilingual Ash Wednesday Mass was considerably small compared to attendance at a Mass in Spanish (Ash Wednesday is not a day of obligation). The Triduum, however, can only be celebrated once so bilingual services are essential for the mixed congregation. As a priest, Fr. Ken needs to respect both languages. It's about community, fellowship and gathering.
- It was suggested that the bulletin and other media might be a good venue to let parishioners know of subtle or not so subtle changes that are coming in Liturgy.
- Thanks to Julie for all the information and great work!

## Pastor's Updates

- † **Building/Expansion Committee** – Fr. met with an exploratory group of interested parties. They will meet again on March 25 to look at the next step. Questions for the next meeting: Where are we now? (getting to know each other and brainstorming). What do we want to do? How do we do it? Bathrooms are priority number one. Fr. feels that this is a good working group of professionals with a good knowledge base.
- † **Vegetable Garden** – Laura Stephens is spearheading this program. After her announcements, we received enough donations to take us through the first year. The garden will be in the area next to Manion Hall across from the school. The school will collaborate with gardens also. Work has begun ☺
- † **Guatemala Projects** – Information is being translated into English (waiting on Francisco). Projects relate to kitchen, ceilings, floor in chapels. There are requests with price quotes. We need to establish priorities.
- † **Guatemala - Students sponsored** are typically 8. There is a waiting list. How do we sponsor? There will be a bulletin board with pictures of the students, name, age, and study area and parishioners make a commitment to sponsor their education.
- † **Video Ministry** – Many thoughts and ideas inclusive of Electronic bulletin board, monitors, etc. We will use media methods available (parish e-mail list, bulletin, web page, facebook) to set up a meeting for this ministry)
- † **Fish Fry** – we will have to wait until next year to explore more viable options
- † **Lenten Mission** – March 27-30 – Redemptorist Team facilitating in English and Spanish

## Old Business

1. **Living Christ Encounters** – There are about 24 (7 in Spanish) men signed up so far for the March 11-12 experience. There are still openings. Suggested Fr. make an invitation from the ambo. Women are also invited for March 25-26. So far there are about 20 (10 in Spanish).
2. **Parish Life Committee** – Suggestions? Fish Fry could be incorporated to help create a committee. Also, invite Spanish speaking to unify. To be continued at Liaison Meeting.

## New Business

1. **Soup and Stations during Lent** – Parish Council will sponsor soup, etc. on March 18. Suggestion was made to set up extra chairs strategically throughout the Commons area for elderly to sit during the Stations of the Cross. They will be done in similar fashion to last year (bilingual).
2. **PC Faith Formation Eve** - April 29. Linda will coordinate
3. **Blessing** of the children coming up March 13

## Ministry Updates/Heard in the Pews

1. **Bible Study** has been well attended
2. **RCIA Retreat** – April 8-9 at SMH
3. **Bishop Madera** will celebrate Youth Confirmation

## Heard it in the Pews/Council Questions

- † **Protocol for requesting meeting space?** – Talk to Hart
- † **Rave reviews on the Wedding Bulletin Board**
- † **Suggestion for next Staff Visit** – Brian Crouch – Youth/Young Adult Ministry

Meeting adjourned @ 11:30. Next meeting is 3/19/11

**Question of the Week** – Rafael

**Closing Prayer** – Mary

**Refreshments** – Barbara/Shorty

Respectfully,  
Mary Chapman, Secretary

