

## Parish Council Meeting 1/23/2010

**Meeting started at:** 9:15am

Thank you Carmen for the wonderful food!

Thank you Barbara for leading us in prayer!

**Those in attendance:** Barbara Tucci, Fr. Ken Wood, Paul Tartabini, Bill Burke, Bill Collins, Tina Wandersee, Patty Nicholas (Guest: Parish Business Manager), Scott Wood, Carmen Lane, Rafael Benet, John Lockwood, Linda Wahlert, and Shorty Melendez

### Pastor's Updates:

**1.)** Role, Purpose, and Expectations for Pastoral Council:

Fr. Ken... expectations at Council:

- Group of people who gather together
- Who are appointed by the Spirit
- Dedicate themselves to the betterment of the Parish

Father ultimately makes the decisions. He collects information from council to make informed decisions... not everyone will agree all the time... we gather to give information... bounce ideas off each other. Father puts things together. We are also here to listen to each other. He wants people to be free to express the ideas they wish to express... be open and to listen... be able to add ideas from their experience of parish life.

- Should be experiencing this Parish all the time
- Should be attending Mass
- Engaging one another
- Be respectful and listen to each other
- Small faith community
- The right to an opinion and the sharing of that opinion
- Visionaries... Pulse of the Parish

**2.)** Date for Columbarium Dedication: **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, after the 10:00am

- Get with Eileen to put it in the bulletin (***Tina has done this already***)
- Donuts and coffee... signs (***Tina***) w/ date... invitations to those who have families buried there... ***who is in charge of seeing this through?*** Get with Kelly about donuts. ***Barbara, Paul, Scott, Linda, Tina and Bill Collins all volunteered to help with the dedication.***
- Post Construction Rate for niches... February 21, 2010. March 1, 2010 prices go up. ***Bill Collins*** will have this put in the bulletin.
- Still looking for people to take this ministry on.

### New Business:

**Guest:** Patty Nicholas, Parish Business Manager

Patty offers her thanks to Parish Council and the coming together of parish council and staff. She offered a snapshot of what she does:

- Gets with finance council to discuss income... project
- Oversight of all the finances and liaison with diocese and handles all human resource items

- Looks to long term goals as well as short term... where do we see collection and where do we see it falling.
- Making of a budget... look to large committed money (a given)... then look to the ministries individually and what new programs we are looking to do.
- Cuts are not made in the materials for the ministries... any budget cuts are done in other ways

Patty passed out a financial snapshot... welcomes all questions... she walked everyone through the financial report. She was asked about concerns at this time:

- Aging facility... ex. HVAC system
- To be debt free in the school as well as being debt free in the church
- Asked about future building or renovating... is this even possible... Capital Campaign would be needed to generate money.
- What can we do to assist your efforts? Open communication. Present all ideas to finance council first... up front... for anything over \$500.
- Council in a position to help with Manna... make people aware of this program within their ministries.
- 10% of families are supporting the parish with the majority of the offertory... a good majority of families don't put money to the offertory.

### Old Business:

#### 1.) Columbarium & Paver Sales Report

#### 2.) Disabilities Inclusion Team

- Going through pulpit in an effort to collect ideas for what the needs are of the parish (tell us what you need)... important to get needs on paper
- Parish is not currently in compliance with ADA
- Invite them to open ended question sessions. Invite them to be heard and members of parish council to listen. They will be invited to go online and fill something out as well.
- Will have a table in the commons with a couple of council members there to take suggestions from those who can't make the meeting.
- Father will say something after all Masses on Feb. 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> ... to invite the Parish to a needs assessment meeting following the 10:00am Mass on the 14<sup>th</sup> in the Worship Center. We will have this same weekend of Feb. 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> to take comments from those who cannot make the meeting. Put this in the bulletin, get with Eileen about this (***Tina has done this***). Those working the tables: 5:00pm (***Barbara & Tina***) 8:00am (***Dave & Bill Burke***) 10:00am (***Paul & Scott***) 2:00pm (***Rafael & Carmen***) 4:00pm (***Tina & Barbara***)

#### 3.) Retreat Planning

- Dave got with the deaconate group... they are in agreement to help with this endeavor
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm next liaison committee meeting.
- Retreats parish based... staff important in making this happen also involve Patty with costs.

### **Staff Liaison Report**

Mission statement adoption... *We find Christ here. We bring Christ into the world.*

Next focus is about bringing about this conversion and fanning the fire.

### **Ministry Liaison**

- Liturgy and Worship committee... Meeting on Feb. 1 to discuss the Lenten season
- Adult Faith... 262 women have signed up for the women's retreat... don't forget about the Parish Mission (Lent) coming soon. This Parish Mission will be offered in English and Spanish. Advent Faith Adventures went really well. Thanks to Christa for her efforts... great job.
- Town Hall Meeting... older crowd. The challenge is to get families engaged more. Family pricing. Something for small kids.
- Steve does a great job igniting a fire for the Spirit with the youth.
- Chaos prior to liturgies... is there someone to oversee this? A staff member? No Mass coordinator for Holy Day Masses lead to a lot of running around trying to find people to serve as Eucharistic Minister.
- RCIA... Dave asks for continued prayer for candidates and catechumens... continue to attract new inquirers. They are saying yes to this community. Day retreat this year sometime during lent.

As a side note: Father shared with council a letter he received from a Spanish parishioner who has left our country now... but talked about CLiFF being a wonderful experience of interacting with Americans. This parishioner felt it was a wonderful thing that we do here at OLMC.

**Meeting Ended:** 12:00pm

**Next Meeting:** February 20, 2010

**Food:** Linda Wahlert and Dave Dwyer

**Prayer:** John Lockwood

**Respectfully Submitted in the absence of Mary Chapman,**

**Tina Wandersee**