

Parish Council Meeting Oct. 17, 2009

Meeting began at: 9:15am

Council members in attendance: Dave Dwyer, Fr. Ken Wood, Bill Collins, Rafael Benet, Carmen Lane, Paul Tartabini, Linda Wahlert, Scott Wood, Shorty Melendez, and Tina Wandersee

Pastor's Updates:

- 1.) Fr. Ken shared about his trip to Rome.
- 2.) Padre Misael coming on November 30th or Dec. 1st... here for ten days and bringing 2 students with him
- 3.) February Parish going to Guatemala... extended an invitation to council if anyone wants to go... more than welcome to do so

New Business:

- 1.) Schedule of Council Meetings until the end of the year... Mark your calendar's: November 21st, December Christmas Gathering the 4th @ 6:00pm – potluck – gift exchange – more information to follow... a meeting on December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th
- 2.) The meetings that we have established should be posted in the bulletin and on the website... **Mary could you get with Eileen about this?**
- 3.) The by-laws state Council should get Financial Report quarterly... Father says he can get this to us
- 4.) Port: Parish Council will take the first night... Wednesday, Nov. 11th, this is a voluntary endeavor both monetarily and with time... details about serving will be determined... Port training Thursday - Oct. 29th 7-9pm St. Michael Hall (**Dave will send a follow-up email to let everyone know the details**)

September Retreat:

- 1.) All parish meetings should begin with the question of the week.
- 2.) Mystagogical Reflection – We will hold working dinners to advance our agenda as a whole to address the needs of the parish.

Reflections from council:

- Prayer service... praying with another... seating arrangement brought about some unity in the day...
- 50/50 Covenant brought up... are we utilizing this?
- Come to the people and work with the people... all people come to Mass looking for the same things of hope, healing, and mercy
- Moving to the next level? Emphasis on conversion and catechesis... how do we engage those who are not engaged... growth and sustaining it... creating moments for encountering Christ... sustaining a conversion... How can we make it alive in the Parish? Monthly retreats... good idea... can we do this? Retreat system... possibly Saturday morning... sustained plan with whole idea of

- retreats... retreats that tackle all types of people... would need one person to handle retreats only; bringing back CRHP or Cursillo seems to be desirable
- Good start would be to greet each other with a blessing and prayer... something that is holy and good... just a small sentence...
 - New Parish Pastoral plan needs to start with a creating a mission statement... would like this to be a joint venture (staff and council)... suggested sub-committee (liaison committee?) to draft 3 or 4 to be selected from... possibly get some sort of vote at a Town Hall meeting... extend invitations to other members of staff and council to attend this meeting if they would like to (Bill will be in charge of initiating this... everyone should be aware of date and time of this meeting)
 - Town Meeting/Dinner... \$5.00 a ticket... family price... \$10.00... check a date with John... coordinate... **Mary could you get with Hart, Janet, John, and Fr. Ken to establish a date?...** possibly November 18th (too close to Port?) or the 19th?

Old Business:

- 1.) Columbarium: Sold 16 niches... pavers about 90% done, but not finished yet... cannot utilize the notches until the pavers are done. Paver sales need a little marketing.
- 2.) Disabilities Inclusion Team: Dinner Thursday Oct. 22nd @ 6:30pm... all are welcome to come... Survey results will be coming soon... did some research with a wheelchair bound person to see where the Church's challenges lay... bathroom is not accessible... door to Manion Hall is a challenge for those with children and those wheelchair bound... possibly automatic door...
We need to set up tables and chairs for gatherings in commons to aid those with physical disabilities

Ministry Liaison:

- 1.) Eucharistic Minister changes seem to have revitalized that ministry
- 2.) Hispanic Ministry: coming up on big feast... OLG... biggest celebration of the year... Dec. 12th @ 7:30pm... all are welcome to attend
- 3.) Jr Youth Group... 6, 7, 8 grades... needs something to happen so they don't get lost... curriculum this year, incorporating Saints and Social Justice
- 4.) RCIA... 2nd session started for those who can't attend Tuesday night on Sunday at 10:00 AM
- 5.) Liturgy/Worship... noted that people using the votive candles without taking out the previous wick... Hospitality Ministry providing donuts for weekends after Mass for all weekends but CLiFF weekends... different parish ministries will staff it. Council: Please wear your nametags.

Next Meeting: November 21st, Food: Dave, Prayer: Linda

Meeting Ended: 12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted in Mary's Absence,
Tina Wandersee