

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

Present were: Father John Phillips; Ron Quisling, Chair; Fred Brown; Joe Pisani; Christine Lacinak; Joan Prado; Bob McCann; and Millie Roig, Recording Secretary. Excused: Tom Dykstra; Susan Brown, Vicki Straka

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Fr. John at 7:15pm.

Ron Quisling called the meeting to order. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes of February 7th.

### ***Fr. John's Report:***

- Michael Marconi, ***a parishioner, has been hired at a very modest salary as our Facilitator of Volunteer Ministries.*** Michael has extensive experience in volunteer development, and in Liturgical Ministries. Fr. John will present his job description to the Council at the next meeting.
- One of the priorities set for the Parish is ***to increase volunteers in our Liturgical Ministries.*** On March 4<sup>th</sup>, Fr. John sent out a letter to all parishioners asking for their recommendations for possible Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The initial response has been very good with many names submitted already. Michael will follow up and approach those nominated with an invitation from Fr. John to serve as new EMCs.
- In February we had approximately ***one new member registration a day.*** Financially, we have started the year on a good note. Fr. John passed out a copy of the new 2007 Narrative Budget Report and requested comments from the Council. The pie chart was a good visual and helps the parish to understand the story behind the numbers.

Discussion followed regarding the Parish Council's commitment to advise Fr. John on ***the possibility of future building projects for our religious education program and the future of Holy Faith as we continue to grow.*** Fr. John felt that the discussion has reached a point where we need to confer with professionals. Father has met with Jay Brown, a parishioner and an engineer and William Brame AIA, of Brame Architects, whose firm does ***Master Planning.*** They follow a process, working with Fr. John and parish input, that includes assessing the projected facility needs of the parish and then mapping out a plan that will generate ***a Building Program.*** The Council agreed that such a plan would help guide the Pastor and the parish in building for the future and remove any guesswork about what is needed. The Parish Council encouraged Fr. John to proceed with the plan to get this done. Fr. John will bring the decision to the Finance Council for review of the cost involved.

***Ministry Reports:***

- Fred Brown reported that we have seven new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion certified by the Bishop. He emailed all the leaders of the Worship Ministries, but no reports.
- Bob McCann reported that we have 37 Small Christian Communities with 399 Renew members participating in the second season of Renew. All the Renew groups have been invited to the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry Dinner.

***New Business:***

- Discussion followed about the 5:00pm Saturday Mass. It seems to be well attended. There were no negative comments about making this change on the survey. It allows for more time after Mass with family.
- The Liturgical Ministers will receive the second edition of Liturgical Notes soon and a survey for what Masses they will be attending. We will need more Ministers at the 8:00am and 9:30am Masses.
- Fr. John talked to Bob Watson about getting the ushers to start sending the parishioners from the small chapel and cry-room to go down the middle isle for communion. Signs will be made.
- Invite Dr. Charlotte Chadik to the next PC meeting to open up discussion about the opportunity to utilize the 9:30am Mass time and the extended CCF time to include parent catechesis, and other ways to adapt the change to involve our families and youth in a more active way.
- Need to appoint a “*Walking in the Spirit*” representative.

The meeting ended with a communal prayer at 8:25pm.

The next PC meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th at 7:15pm.