

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES/  
MONDAY January 14<sup>th</sup>. 2002**

Attendees: Harold Johnson, Fr. Tim K. Johnson, Gilbert C. Adauto, Elma Penaranda, Sonya Simril, Dorian L. Laird, Stephen P. Howe, Alema Rayman, Frits Fynaut, Norah Hippolvte, Wendy Jose  
Alex A.J. Schmitt

1. **Opening Prayer:** Offered by Fr Tim Johnson
2. **Approval of Minutes: Moved** by Norah Hippolvte, 2nded by Stephen Howe
3. **Discussion of Nov<sup>th</sup> 2001 Letter**

Anne opened with a reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to Peter and a reference to Father's sermon on Love from Ephesians--always keep yourself in the Holy Spirit and be in peace. Fritz \_replies that he had read the letter and it made him angry. Fr Tim does his best, we have too little money to afford parish help, what Fr Dan did was ridiculous. Fr Nick lived in parish and had no complaints, he has even returned to help us. Fr **Tim** said that there is a perception that he has had problems with the staff (secretaries and pastoral associates who have come and gone). The tendency is to focus on Fr Tim. Some things can be discussed, but most are personnel matters that are not open to public discussions. Some perceptions may be false. Priests have generally had written agreements. Fr Daniel's was only verbal. The letter has two major issues 1) a desire to speak to Fr Tim, some people don't have the comfort to speak to Fr. Tim 2) There is some lack of trust in the administration. Frits suggests to have meetings. **Alex** \_this came from a process \_to meet with the pastor. Gil \_is concerned that the letter was addressed to Fr Tim and not the Parish Council. Fr **Tim** \_suggests that a meeting be set up with him, Stu **Mc** Intyre \_said that he knows Fr Tim is busy, but the reason of the letter is not to run Fr Tim out. **Donna** \_is concerned about Dan's leaving which has got parishioners wanting to leave.

3. A. Pastor's Report

Church is completed, working at completing the building lights, organ, problems with sewer. Stu Mac Intyre has been looking into this. The church re-dedication is February ,nd from 12 noon to 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. Open House, scheduling a musical in the Church. Sent out invitations to clergy, architect, people of the church, church groups. The Block Party is from 12 noon to 3. the Bishop's mass will be at 5:00 p.m. **Wendy** \_East Bay MUD will have handouts, Fire Dept., etc., will have handouts. Harold \_would anyone in Council be a guide? Frits \_needs all the help he can get. **Gil** \_met with Fr. Nick needs help, a couple of people volunteered to help. Fr Nick is concerned about music, talked about staging area for Mass, needs bodies to do this.

Budget for coming year included in the agenda, approved by the Finance committee on December

15<sup>th</sup> Note last part, 4 note on 2002 Budget \_interest was over budgeted and co-mingled (Xref #4). Operating on very little, we need to look at how we are stewarding the time & talent God has given us. In terms of charity we are impoverished, we are averaging only 1% of Income. Diocese suggested that Cost of Living increase should be 5% we can only make 4%. We need to increase Insurance Medical Benefits and Retirement Benefits.

B. Faith Formation \_Returning Catholics, tomorrow Tuesday (0 1/15/02) evening at 5:00 p.m. Adopt a RCIA or RCIC

candidate, befriend them when process is over, so that they don't feel lost.

Stu mentioned this is the last meeting before submission of letter to parishes, reply letter was submitted.

C. School Report \_ (see report)

Gil was present at a function where 3 of St Leo's students performed a very good performance. Fr Tim mentioned Catholic School week is coming up, be sensitive about the student body. Sonya said the coming date is 01/27/02

**D. Old Business** \_

1. Nov<sup>th</sup> Letter \_Done

**2. Just Faith** \_Done

**3. Parish Renovation Campaign** .Gil met with someone about Logo –will come up with a design and show Fr Tim. Publicize church getting new members & returning **members**. **Fr Tim** mentioned the congregation count has increased, when we re-opened on 12/22/01 we pushed re-opening as a beginning to renew church and community. Need to emphasize Stewardship. **Gil** mentions like adopting a RCIA or RCIC person, adopt a part of the church. **Fr Tim** –we must be concerned about Operation. What % of income is going to 1) Parish and 2) Charity. Frits –need to get Permit Form for Music. We still don't know which Merchants are coming, we also need help to put stands up for re-dedication. Nick is doing this & it will come up suddenly, Ernest volunteered to help. Need to promote in Monclarian, Piedmonter, Catholic Voice. Call Ronile Lahti to find out if letters have been sent to Merchants.

- E. New Business –Environment & Art Committee has no time to clean the church. We need a cleaning group that would be like Merry Maids bring dry dusting equipment and wet cloths –start at top and work down dusting. A cleanup rew will evolve into an altar society. Once a quarter a group should come around and clean. **Ask the congregation for help).**
- F. **Closing Prayer** –Elma Penaranda .adjourned at 9:07 p.m.