

# Parish Council Agenda

**MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2007**

**7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room**

- I. Opening Prayer Roderick Alston
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for 12/11/06
- III. **What have you heard? What have you seen?** Fr. Tim, what's keeping you up at night?
- IV. Suggestions for Pastoral Councils Chapter 1  
Reading: Harold Johnson  
(Remember to bring your copy of Suggestions for Pastoral Councils)
- V. AGENDA
- A. Pastor's Report Tim Johnson
  - B. Pastoral Assistant Report (see attachment #1) Norah Hippolyte
  - C. School Report Sonya Simril
  - D. Old Business
    - 1. Labyrinth
    - 2. Communications Committee update
    - 3. Stewardship Month suggestions
- E. New Business
- VI. Closing Prayer Jane Renoir
- VII. Hospitality Gaylon Parsons

Attachments:

- Minutes
- 1. Pastoral Assistant Report
- 2. School Report
- 3. Long Range Plant Plan
- 4. Long Range Pastoral Plan

# St. Leo the Great Parish Council Meeting

## December 11, 2006

**Attendees:** Roderick Alston, Robert Hasler, Norah Hippolyte, Harold Johnson, Fr. Tim Johnson, Ronald Prather, Jane Renoir, Sonya Simril.

**I. Opening Prayer:** Norah Hippolyte

**II. Approval of the Minutes:** 1. Robert Hasler 2. Sonya Simril

**III. What have you heard? What have you seen?:** Fr. Tim related conversations with Vicki Hurd re. the church organ and the importance of its maintenance. Norah commented on the renting/selling of space for a future garage sale. Fr. Tim suggested that the timing relative to other sales in the area is an important factor.

**IV. Suggestions for Parish Councils:** Roderick Alston read Chapter 7 "Offering Practical Suggestions for Parish Councils."

### V. Agenda

#### A. Pastor's Report

Fr. Tim Johnson

1. Fr. Tim distributed copies of the parish budget as approved by the finance council 12/9/06 and invited questions/comments.
2. A \$22,000 IRA contribution by a parishioner has been applied to debt reduction.
3. A healing service is scheduled for 12/16/06 at noon.

#### B. Pastoral Assistant Report

Norah Hippolyte

1. Attached Report.
2. Advent wreath-making party was a success though sparsely attended.
3. A bake sale is scheduled for 12/16/06 and 12/17/06.
4. A prayer service was held at Piedmont Gardens.

#### C. School Report

Sonya Simril

1. Attached report.
2. A crab feed is planned for January 2007.

#### D. Old Business

1. Fr. Tim discussed the long-range *pastoral* plan, reaffirming EFT and stewardship. Motion to approve: (1) Sonya Simril (2) Ronald Prather. Fr. Tim described the long-range *plant* plan, emphasizing that much of it depends on reduction of the current debt. Motion to approve: (1) Sonya Simril (2) Robert Hasler. Both motions carried.

2. Status of the labyrinth plan to be checked on by Gaylon.
3. Communication Committee Update: Norah requested names of persons willing to serve on the committee, with the expectation that specific committee responsibilities soon will be enumerated.
4. Stewardship month (January 2007): Norah is planning a stewardship fair.

**VI. Closing Prayer:** Harold Johnson

groups, will be on display in the church entrance area each Sunday in January to encourage parishioners to become active.

**E. New Business**

Fr. Tim distributed copies of the quarterly newsletter for Pastoral Councils.

**VI. Closing Prayer:** Jane Renoir

Date: January 2007

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

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### **RCIA/RCIC**

The current participants are in the second stage of the initiation process known as the catechumenate. This stage may last up to 3 years depending on the needs of the candidates.

### **Christian Enrichment**

This month we will begin the Returning Catholics series. This series offers nine weeks of discussions on various topics for the fully initiated Catholic who has been away from the Church for an extended period of time. Ralph Rivera, S.J., has volunteered to be a part of this process this year.

### **First Reconciliation**

The plan for first reconciliation has changed this year. Instead of meeting once a month on Monday evenings we will meet on six consecutive Saturday mornings beginning Saturday, February 10. First Reconciliation is offered to children who are in grades 4/5 or higher.

### **Service Opportunities Brochure & Program Opportunities Brochure**

The Service Opportunities Brochure is currently being reviewed for a revision.

### **Social Events**

Lenten Fish Fry - the first Friday in March

### **Stewardship**

We hope to raise the awareness of parishioners about the importance of Stewardship and its relevance in each of our lives.

### **Fundraising**

The Bake Sale was successful. We raised \$470.00, which we contributed to the general fund to help defray some the shortfall.

If you have questions, please feel most welcome to ask. I am available at the rectory on Wednesdays from 7:00P-9:30P and Saturdays from 12:30P-4:30P. Or you can email me at [stleo@pacbell.net](mailto:stleo@pacbell.net).

# SCHOOL OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT FROM THE DESK OF SONYA SIMRIL

Listed below is information to be submitted to the Parish Council for the January meeting:

- Catholic School's Week is January 28-February 3, 2007. We will celebrate Mass at Saint Leo's parish on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.
- The Christmas Concert was spectacular. The concert included the concert band, singing, praise dancing and Christmas poems. It was a great way to put us in the Holiday spirit.
- Breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Boutique went very well. The seniors sold lots of their arts and crafts items and the vendors also did well.
- Please remember to purchase your tickets for the Crab Feed held on January 20, 2007. We would love to see you there!
- Hope you had a great Holiday Season!
- HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# **CHURCH OF ST. LEO THE GREAT**

## **Long Range Plant Plan For the Next Five Years Top Priorities/Programs/Desires**

Having completed the seismic repairs and deferred maintenance on the Church in December, 2001, the parish needs to retire the debt owed to the diocese before future plant plans are undertaken. On-going maintenance of the buildings will require attention. In the next ten years, maintenance of painting on the exterior and interior of our buildings seems to be the only big maintenance item.

Based on our November, 1994 master plan, the next long range building renovation plans to be done after the present debt is retired, are as follows:

1. Move parish offices from rectory to gym stage area and make Lacey Room and offices wheel chair accessible.
2. Undertake deferred maintenance on rectory and return offices in rectory to living quarters for priests.

Approved by the Parish Council on Monday, May 12, 2003.

Readopted 12/11/06

## **Long Range (Five Year) Pastoral Plan Top Priorities/Programs/Desires**

### **Stewardship**

- Become a stewardship parish
  - Reduce /eliminate debt
  - Do at least one fund raiser annually
  - Promote time, talent, treasure
  - Promote EFT

### **Outreach**

- Increase congregation by attracting the young, old and previously disenfranchised. Depending on the needs, we should take both varied and focused approaches.
- Continue faith based programs such as RCIA/RCIC, Bible Study, etc.
- Continue our support for our international sister parish, St. Martin Sacatepequez in Guatemala, and our parish-awareness of that relationship.
- Continue our charitable support to those in need.
- Continue our support of a Social Justice based programs.
- Continue to foster more connection between church and school and also between the school and our sister parish's CCD program such as the Church/School Partnership Committee.
- Designate individuals or a committee to encourage personal involvement in various parish programs (enrollment) and general communications (emails, signs, etc.) to increase parish participation and awareness of upcoming news and events.
- Continue to develop the email lists with its' uses.

### **Social Hospitality**

- Community activities, social events such as concerts, dances, potlucks, etc. not only for those who are active members but also to draw in new members.
- Increase parish picnic participation.
- Maintain the warm sense of welcome to all.

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The Parish council has adopted a one year action plan to focus our attention on specific elements of the Long Range Pastoral Plan. By doing so, we hope gradually to achieve the goals set forth in the Long Range Pastoral Plan.

#### Stewardship

- January is St. Leo's Stewardship Month
- Parish Council members will wear their badges and mingle/chat with parishioners after Masses to encourage involvement.

#### Outreach

- Facilitate formation of a communications committee
- Provide guidelines for that committee

#### Social Hospitality

- Grow our community by attracting the young, the old, and the previously disenfranchised.

Adopted 12/11/06