

Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY JANUARY 14, 2008

7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room

- I. Opening Prayer Peter Aiello
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for 12/10/07
- 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: Jane Renoir
(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
- D. Old Business
1. Plans for 100th Year Anniversary Celebration
 2. Outreach (Grow the Community)
 3. Communications Committee
- E. New Business
1. Parish Picnic
- VI. Closing Prayer Pat Welch
- VII. Hospitality Mary Zeiler

Attachments:

- Minutes
1. Pastoral Assistant Report

St. Leo the Great Parish Council Meeting December 10, 2007

Attendees: Peter Aiello, Robert Hasler, Norah Hippolyte, Fr. Tim Johnson, Craig Lucero, Ronald Prather, Jane Renoir, Sonya Simril, Pat Welch, Mary Zeiler.

Absent: Natalia Del Pozo, Matt McDonell

I. Opening Prayer: Craig Lucero

II. Approval of the Minutes: 1. Jane Renoir 2. Robert Hasler. Approved.

III. What have you heard? What have you seen? Father Tim had the opportunity to visit the site of the new cathedral, reporting that the scaffolding is now completed. It is scheduled to open in September 2008. Craig Lucero made the suggestion that agendas for future parish council meetings be sent out by email. It was decided that this be tried in January.

IV. Reading: Ron Prather read from Chapter 7 (“Offering Practical Suggestions”) of *Suggestions for Pastoral Councils*. He then proposed that the council should perhaps pay heed to the suggestion “evaluate your council” in some formal manner. Fr. Tim added that attention could be given to “evaluation” at a meeting late in the year.

V. Agenda

A. Pastor’s Report

Fr. Tim Johnson

Earl Humphrey died on Sunday (December 9). A funeral is scheduled for next Monday (December 17) at 10 AM. A meeting was held with representatives of the City of Oakland regarding deteriorating sidewalks surrounding the church property. The city is especially concerned where children or seniors may be at risk. The problems caused by city-planted trees are their responsibility. A report has been filed for making the necessary repairs.

B. Pastoral Assistant Report

Norah Hippolyte

Attached report.

C. School Report

Sonya Simril

Attached report. It was noted that next year is the school’s 50th anniversary.

D. Old Business

1. Plans for 100th Year Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Tim suggested that a “steering” committee be established to explore the range of events that might be planned. Names of individuals who might serve on such a committee should be offered at the next meeting.

2. Outreach (Growing the Community)

Among the ideas proposed were a “12-Step Program” that Peter Aiello is researching and the “Legion of Mary” that Norah Hippolyte has been investigating. Norah intends to publicize this organization in a future issue of the bulletin. She also suggested an “Invite a friend to Mass” Sunday as a way of reaching out. These ideas and others were thought to be worthy of further discussion and it was decided that the topic be retained as “Old Business” at the January meeting.

3. Promoting Disaster Preparedness

After considerable discussion, it was thought that our main function in the event of a disaster is that of a sanctuary, a “safe space” that relief agencies could draw upon. Fr. Tim proposed that a coordinator be named to establish liaison with local community associations, PANIL, PAMA, etc., so that an awareness of our willingness to offer space and generally be of help be made public.

4. Communications Committee

A letter is being sent to persons identified as possible members. Fr. Tim noted that it would be helpful for this committee to establish ties with local newspapers, Catholic Voice, etc., for publicizing events in the parish.

E. New Business

1. 2008 Operating Budget (approved by Finance Council 12/1/07)
Attached. No significant questions.

V. Closing Prayer: Robert Hasler

Date: January 2008

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

The prayers of the faithful are working. I have spoken to more people this year who are interested in confirmation or initiation into the Catholic faith. This year January is like the "calm before the storm" because Ash Wednesday is very early this year. The RCIA team is working diligently with their candidates. The end of January will be a time for readiness interviews for both the adults and the children. Please keep all candidates for sacraments at the Easter Vigil in your prayers.

Christian Enrichment

The area of on-going Christian formation is our weakest area. People of all ages are not ready to move forward with the idea of life long faith formation.

First Reconciliation

The classes of for preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin on Saturday, January 19, at 9:30AM in the Fr. Lacey Room.

Service Opportunities Brochure & Program Opportunities Brochure

The Service Opportunities brochure have been revised and re-titled. The new name is the "Time, Talent, & Treasure Giving Guide". The guide will be inserted in the bulletin on the weekend of January 12/13.

Social Events

Lenten Fish Fry is March 7 in the Fr. Lacey Room.

Stewardship

The Stewardship mailing is going out during the week of January 7. The pledge card this year includes space to indicate ways to donate your time, talents and treasure.

Legion of Mary

The first meeting, informational, takes place on Thursday, January 10, in the Old Prayer Room.

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.