

Church of St. Leo the Great

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Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2005

7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room

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| I. Opening Prayer | Stanton Jones |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Minutes for
December 13, 2004 |
| III. What have you heard? What have you seen? Fr. Tim, what's keeping you up at night? | |
| IV. <u>Suggestions for
Pastoral Councils</u> | Chapter I:
Reading: Hank Hyatt
(Remember to bring your copy
of Suggestions
<u>for Pastoral Councils</u>) |
| V. AGENDA | |
| A. Pastor's Report | Tim Johnson |
| B. Pastoral Assistant Report (see attachment #1). | Norah Hippolyte |
| C. School Report (see attachment #2) | Sonya Simril |
| D. Old Business | |
| 1. Holiday Bake Sale - everything sold! | |
| 2. Parish Dinner/Dance set for April 9, 2005, \$25.00 per person at the Colombo Club | |
| 3. Parish Picnic September 11, 2005 - Streamside site reserved | |
| 4. Labyrinth | |
| 5. Timothy Schmalz's sculptures | |
| 6. Location of the stand for the Easter Fire in the garden
<i>Unsure of location</i> | |
| 7. The HUGi program | |
| 8. Garden benches on a 90 day hold because of the rock quarry
<i>Should begin mid-January</i> | |
| 9. Dialogue with Bishop Vigneron
<i>Peter & Hank going so far</i> | |
| 10. Update on deanery-wide programs being shifted to the parish level | |
| E. New Business | |
| 1. New, updated parish photo directory | |
| VI. Closing Prayer | Gaylon Parsons |
| VII. Hospitality | Bernadette Lafrano |

Attachments:

- Minutes
- 1. Pastoral Assistant Report
- 2. School Report

**Parish Council Minutes
Church of St. Leo the Great
01/10/05**

Attendees: Angie Minor, Bernadette Lufrano, Darcel Walker, Evangeline Brown, Gaylon Parsons, Hank Hyatt, Joe Loduca, Norah Hippolyte, Peter Lange, Sonya Simril, Stan Jones, Fr. Tim Johnson

Hospitality: Angie Minor

Opening Prayer: Stan Jones

Closing Prayer: Gaylon Parson

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm

Correction on agenda: Angie Minor was assigned for hospitality and not Bernadette Lufrano.

Approval of Parish Council minutes:

First: Stan Jones

Second: Angie Minor

What have you heard? What have you seen? What's keeping you up at night?

No new issues have come up since Catch up Sunday.

Pastoral Reading: (Hank Hyatt)

Chapter 1 – *Discovering the Past and Present of Pastoral Councils*

The evolution of Councils could be traced from the Council of Jerusalem and Nicea to the Second Vatican Council of 1962-1965. In the seventies, the lay ministry began to develop councils to this point in the nineties where pastoral planning and council development became a focus. Parish Councils became more clearly enumerated with the new Code of Canon Law of 1983.

Pastor's Report:

The Stewardship letter has been finalized and will be sent out on Thursday, January 13, 2005. The letter will include information on the Church's operating expenses and the budget for the year. A pledge card will also be attached. In preparation of Pledge Sunday, scheduled for the last weekend in January, Peter and Joe will address the parishioners during the 3 Masses on January 15 and 16. Joe will speak at the 5:30pm Saturday Mass and Peter will speak at both the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday.

Pastoral Assistant's Report:

The Stewardship committee will meet on Wednesday, January 19 at 7pm in the rectory. The committee's function is to empower parishioners to donate their time, talent and treasures.

School Report:

The school raised \$376.50 for St. Leo's sister parish of San Martin in Guatemala. The school is now undertaking a coin drive for donation to the Tsunami cause.

Old Business:

The Holiday Bake Sale was a success and netted \$335.00. The next sale is planned for Sunday, April 3, 2005. The dinner dance is set for April 9, 2005 at the Colombo Club in Oakland. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Peter is waiting to hear back from Gil regarding ticket sales. The parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2005. The Streamside site has been reserved. No new development on the Labyrinth project. Evangeline was directed to Tom McLaughlin to see about enlarging the circle and how best to lay it out. There have only been 4 pledges so far for the sculptures project. The display of pictures in the church vestibule will be kept for a few more months, with a statement indicating what is needed monetarily to move ahead with the project. There will be no cost for the stand for the Easter Fire in the garden. It will take a weekend of work to set it up. It will not be ready by Easter, 2005. The deanery-wide programs will not be shifted to the parish level and will remain as is.

New Business:

Council members expressed their support to update the parish photo directory this year. Photo sessions will be scheduled in the month of May. Joe will make contact with individuals recommended by Fr. Tim and other council members who would coordinate this project.

ATTACHMENT ONE

Date: January 2005

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults participants are moving quickly through their weekly "Journey of Faith" handouts because Lent comes so early this year. The families of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children participants are very likely feeling the crunch also, since they should have their "First Eucharist" preparation books completed before Lent begins.

CLW

One of the many joys of Children's Liturgy of the Word is seeing how the children care for each other and how comfortable children feel in our service. In the beginning parents will accompany their children over, then the children begin to come on their own. Amen for Children's Liturgy.

Christian Enrichment

We continue to move forward with having a more adult focused Christian Enrichment program. People are hungry for information and to grow their faith but they do not want a typical classroom lecture style. The Book Group format has done well. We hope to expand that type of program in the coming year. Other events which went well were the "Passion of the Christ" event, the Pentecost spiritual event, and "The Da Vinci Code" discussion.

Please listen for ideas from the community. There may be other books or movies which would strike a note.

Service Opportunities Brochure & Program Opportunities Brochure

The new Service Opportunities brochure will be out in January.

Social Events

The next social event is the Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 4, 2004

Stewardship

The next Stewardship meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, at 7:00PM in the rectory. Please encourage parishioners to attend and contribute their ideas to this area of church life which is at the center of our faith lives.

January is also the month for our annual appeal to the parishioners for a pledge.

Fundraising

ATTACHMENT ONE

Congratulations to Joe Loduca, Steve Howe, Jane Renoir, Brendan Doherty and the host of others who made the bake sale a success.

Advent Evening Prayer

The largest crowd was four people. We will have Evening Prayer again during Lent.

FYI's

National Vocations Awareness Week is January 9 - 14, 2005.

Catholic Schools Week is January 30 - February 5, 2005.

If you have questions, please feel most welcome to ask. I am available at the rectory on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:00P-9:30P and Saturdays from 12:30P-4:30P. Or you can email me at NHipp0@aol.com (that's a zero)

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

- Happy New Year!!!
- Our WASC Self-Study is almost complete
- Catholic Schools Week begins January 30, 2005. We will celebrate Mass at the 11:00 a.m. service. Open House is Tuesday February 1st from 9:00-12:00.
- As always, thanks for your ongoing support