

Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2009

7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room

- I. Opening Prayer Mary Zeiler
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for the
01/12/09 Meeting
- III. **What have you heard? What have you seen?** Fr. Tim, what's keeping you up at night?
- IV. AGENDA
- A. Pastor's Report Tim Johnson
 - C. Pastoral Assistant Report (see attachment #1) Norah Hippolyte
 - D. School Report (see attachment #2) Sonya Simril
 - E. Old Business
 - 1. Centennial Event Steering Committee
 - i. Identify what assignments need to be started in 2009 and recruit parishioners to execute.
 - 2. Communications Committee
 - i. Identify number of members, who, and committee guidelines.
 - 3. Parish Website
 - i. Any volunteers?
 - ii. Identify what needs improvement.
 - F. New Business
- V. Closing Prayer Matt McDonell
- VI. Hospitality Peter Aiello

Attachments:

- 01/12/09 Minutes
- 1. Pastoral Assistant Report
- 2. School Report

January 12, 2009

Present : Fr. Tim Johnson Peter Aiello, Carolyn Anderson, Nora Hippolyte, Matt McDonnell, Jane Renior, James Sierra, Charlyne Sibayan, Sonia Simril, Mary Zeiler

Christmas Masses were well attended. Many parishioners commented that they appreciated the lovely decorations.

Pastor's Report: The sewer line in furnace room went out when the new bathrooms were put in. During the work, the drain was closed and problems resulted leading to a repair of \$1800.

Financially the year ended \$26K under goal. This represents an improvement over \$34K lag the beginning of December. The new finance reports is now available. By creative scrimping the budget goal was lowered, in hopes of anticipating the current financial downturn. Father Tim will talk about tithing at the upcoming mass. He expresses concern that there is a small group of people who practice stewardship; parishioners who feel "ownership" of the parish and consider it dear. He would like to bring the bulk of the parish into that group and is curious about the reasons people take "drop in" attitude toward the parish. He cited the statistic that the average Catholic contributes less than 1% to their church. The average Protestant gives 2.6% - three times that of a Catholic.

Nora informed us that the Fish Fry will be March 6th. She hopes to stagger seatings, in order to take care of crowd control. The Thursday afternoon bible study had 4 people at their last meeting. Fliers for ministry fair are made and reflect a hierarchy of critical needs; including St Vincent de Paul, Stewardship, and the Communications Committee. Nora's posters are bright, colorful and artistic. Nora distributed the Giving Guide – a wonderful brochure explaining opportunities to serve the parish community by contributions of "time, talent and treasure."

Old Business: There has been advanced notice of the parish's stewardship drive. It was pointed out that if you own something you take care of it. People will be encouraged to pledge what they can and to give what it takes to facilitate their ownership of the parish. It is the job of the council to ensure that there are easy entry points – small tasks. Our individual outreach is part of our stewardship commitment, our owning of the parish.

Nicole Clay will be point person for the Communications Committee. Carolyn Anderson will be point person for the Stewardship Committee.

Jane commented that the New Year's Day (Octave of Christmas) Mass looked like a Sunday Mass, with many families in attendance.

Centennial Planning. See attachment 3. Nora is looking for people to be on steering committee. No particular skill, beyond that of being a good organizer is required.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Zeiler

ATTACHMENT 1

Date: February 2009

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

There are no major changes in RCIA/RCIC. We will be doing the Rite of Sending on Sunday, February 22, because the RCIA team leaders are going to the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress from February 27 to March 1.

Christian Enrichment

We had scheduled a "Safe Environment" training for parents and children on January 25, but no one came. We will reschedule the training because it is very important for awareness of parents and children.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Baptism preparations have slowed down, but a few continue to trickle in. During Lent, there are no baptisms.

First Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation preparation class for children age 10 and older begins on Saturday, February 14, at 9:30AM in the Fr. Lacey Room.

Social Events

The Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 6. Spread the word!

Stewardship

We did have some people sign up for some ministries at the Ministry Fair. We have begun contacting people to be on the Stewardship Committee.

Returning Catholics

Returning Catholics began on January 27. We had two attendees. We have posted a flyer on the bulletin boards with meeting dates and topics for February.

If you have questions, please feel most welcome to ask. I am available at the rectory on Mondays to Wednesdays from 7:30P-9:30P and Saturdays from 1:00P-4:00P. Or you can email me at stleo@pacbell.net.

ATTACHMENT 2

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 February meeting:

- Catholic Schools Week was a huge success. We had many potential parents attend the Open House.
- The Shrimp Feast is Saturday, February 7, 2009. Please join us
- The 6th grade students are attending Caritas, a week long excursion in Sonoma County.
- As always thanks for your support!