

Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2008

7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room

- I. Opening Prayer Matt McDonell
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for 01/14/08
- III. **What have you heard? What have you seen?** Fr. Tim, what's keeping you up at night?
- IV. Suggestions for Pastoral Councils Chapter 2
Reading: Craig Lucero
(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 (see attachment #2) Sonya Simril
 - D. Old Business
 - 1. Plans for 100th Year Anniversary Celebration
 - 2. Outreach (Grow the Community)
 - 3. Communications Committee
 - 4. Parish Picnic - E. New Business
 - 1. Evaluation of January Stewardship Month
- VI. Closing Prayer Natalia del Pozo
- VII. Hospitality Ron Prather

Attachments:

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

St. Leo the Great Parish Council Meeting January 14, 2008

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

Absent: Natalia Del Pozo, Craig Lucero

I. Opening Prayer: Peter Aiello

II. Approval of the Minutes: 1. Mary Zeiler 2. Robert Hasler. Approved with the correction in the **School Report:** “60th anniversary.”

III. What have you heard? What have you seen? Father Tim asked for reactions to the “stewardship appeal” given by Fr. Tom (Scirghi) at the closing of Sunday’s (January 13) Mass. The consensus was that his remarks were “right on target” and well received.

IV. Reading: Jane Renoir read from Chapter 1 (“Discovering the Past and Present of Pastoral Councils”) of *Suggestions for Pastoral Councils*.

V. Agenda

A. Pastor’s Report Fr. Tim Johnson

In spite of the obvious financial “shortfall,” Fr. Tim expressed optimism as we begin the new year. He noted that a full financial report will be sent to parishioners as an attachment to the annual “stewardship” mailing.

B. Pastoral Assistant Report Norah Hippolyte

Attached report. Norah added that the “Returning Catholics” program begins tomorrow night (January 15).

C. School Report Sonya Simril

Sonya noted that the school Christmas program was well attended.

D. Old Business

1. Plans for 100th Year Anniversary Celebration

Fr. Tim reminded members that a “steering” committee should 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. Such a committee might begin meeting sometime this summer.

2. Outreach (Growing the Community)

Though no specific programs were identified as something to pursue, it was decided that this goal be kept as a continuing objective.

3. Communications Committee

It was stressed that events of the parish need to be publicized with flyers and notices in the local newspapers. Norah noted that a new volunteer, Denise Lafone, has indicated a willingness to serve on the committee.

E. New Business

1. Parish Picnic

The picnic is to be held on September 7th at the usual (Lake Temescal) location. Charlotte is to be reminded to reserve this date with the Parks and Recreation Department.

V. Closing Prayer: Pat Welch

ATTACHMENT #1

Date: February 2008

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

This month participants in the RCIA and RCIC will participate in several events. The first is the Rite on Election on Saturday, February 9, at 10:00AM at St. Felicitas. The next is the Penitential Rite, for the previously baptized candidates, on Sunday, February 17, at our 11:00AM Mass. The last Sunday of February will be the first of three scrutinies or examinations of our catechumens (non-baptized).

Christian Enrichment

Family Faith Formation will be a hard sell but it is encouraging that families do come and seem to enjoy the session as well as learn something.

First Reconciliation

We canceled the first Reconciliation preparation sessions since there were no participants.

Stewardship Brochure & Program Opportunities Brochure

You may have noticed that we made some changes to the Service Opportunities brochure. The first change was the name. It is now called the Time, Talent and Treasure Giving Guide. The reason for this new title was to try to begin to change the current mindset that Stewardship = money.

Social Events

The Lenten Fish Fry is Friday, March 7, at 6:00PM in the Fr. Lacey Room.

Stewardship

We received over 50 completed pledge cards. Most of them were marked in a minimum of two places. We will be contacting those who pledged to see if they will need any additional training.

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.

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:

- Open House was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. We had a large turnout of prospective parents who toured the school. Lots of great feedback!!
- Saint Leo's School was featured in the *Catholic Voice* for our outreach to the Children of Peace Orphanage in Zimbabwe, Africa. The students raised monies that were donated to this cause. This orphanage provides a home for over 130 children who have become orphans as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. They provide a home where the children can be given shelter, clothing, education, and healthcare and be brought up in a loving Christian environment.
- Catholic Schools Week was officially celebrated on January 27-February 2, 2008. Student Council did an awesome job scheduling events throughout the week. We concluded the week celebrating Mass at Saint Leo's Church on Sunday, February 3rd at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.
- As always thanks for your support!