

Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY MARCH 9, 2009

7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room

- I. Opening Prayer Charlyne Sibayan
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for the 02/09/09 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 Sonya Simril
 - E. Old Business
 - 1. Fish Fry
 - i. Parish Council Member experience/feedback.
 - 2. Update on recruiting new Jesuit seminarians
 - 3. Carolyn's experience with the Diocesan Stewardship Meeting.
 - 4. Latest news on Theology on Tap, Media Sale, and Lenten Film Festival
 - 5. Centennial Event Steering Committee
 - i. Assign due date for establishing the committee
 - 6. Latest news on Parish Website
 - F. New Business
- V. Closing Prayer Jane Renoir
- VI. Hospitality Matt McDonell

Attachments:

02/02/09 Minutes

1. Pastoral Assistant Report

Parish Council

February 9, 2009

In Attendance: Fr. Tim Johnson Peter Aiello, Carolyn Anderson, Robert Hasler, Norah Hippolyte, Janet MacEachern, Matt McDonnell Jane Renior, Charlyne Sibayan, James Sierra, Mary Zeiler

Absent: Sonya Simril

Corrections to January Minutes: Matt was absent.

What have you seen? What have you heard? Fish fry tickets are now being sold with a good initial response. Peter went to the San Francisco March for Life and said it was well attended. The March went from the Ferry Building to Marina Greens. Norah reports the Bishop's Mass was very nice, though the Cathedral was not packed. Seating was limited to ticket holders. Bishop Vigneron was moved to Detroit and installed as Archbishop in January. Until a new bishop is appointed, the Diocesan Administrator is Dan Danielson.

What's keeping Father Tim up at night? Things have been going well. He mentioned that it occurred to him that stewardship is not so much about the needs of St. Leo, but is more concerned with the needs of the parishioners.

Agenda: Fr. Tim noted that there is not much to report. Things in the parish are copacetic. This year Ash Wednesday is Feb 25th. The parish will soon see several priests leaving for other assignments. Fr. Tom Scirghi will be going back to Fordham. Joseph Carver will be leaving in May and Joseph Benedict will be leaving in the summer. Theoretically Fr. Herman Leung will be moving into Joseph Benedict's quarters. In spite of heavy recruiting Fr. Tim has not had any responses for new Jesuit seminarians.

Norah updated us on the Fish Fry. Ticket sales are underway and two folks are on board to be main cooks. She stressed that the event was a FUNraiser as opposed to a FUNdraiser. Tickets are \$8/adults and \$5/kids. Our native Louisianan, Robert Hasler, sang the praises of catfish which Norah assures us is on the menu.

In further parish news there are no weddings scheduled this year. In 2008 St. Leo's saw two weddings. Weddings are bellwethers of parish growth and vibrancy.

Stewardship Committee: Norah reports that people run away from her when she gets that recruiting gleam in her eye. In these busy times it's difficult to get people to sign on for committees. The parish need for Centennial and Communication Committees also needs to be considered. Caroline will attend a Diocesan meeting on the topic of Stewardship.

St. Leo will be represented at the LA Religious conference by the leaders of RCIA, Wella, Mary White and Norah.

Sonia was unable to attend and her report was attached to the minutes.

Recruiting is in overdrive for the Centennial Event. So far there has not been a big response to recruiting for the Oversight Committee that will set up subcommittees. The Oversight Committee does not need to be large. Father Tim suggested we consider setting a date for having the Committee assembled in order to keep us on track.

When discussing the Communication Committee it was noted that much of the difficulty stems from the fact that the Parish Website is not current. It was noted that at the very least: The incorrect TOT flier is posted. The Liturgical schedule is not current. Homilies are not posted in a timely manner. Bulletins are not posted in a timely manner. Financial reports are outdated. Furthermore the Preaching Schedule is outdated. Parish Council would like these matters attended to.

Additionally Council Members will take the time to explore the website to see if there are other areas that are outdated. It was noted that there needs to be a photo of Jeff Dunn online. It should also be noted that he is serving the parish in the capacity that the Banks did. The Website issue is a staff issue comprised of two elements open to critique from the parish council. Furthermore there is the issue of modernizing/updating it. The parish website is built with DreamWeaver.

New Business. We want to make sure that the new Bible Study is on the calendar. It takes place on the first Thursday of the month at 12:45 following the 12:10 mass. The facilitator is Sonia Callahan. Eloise is looking at a story telling hour once a month after her serendipitous experience at Piedmont Gardens reading her play.

Steve Howe is coordinating a Media Sale to take place in March.

Lent starts, on Wednesday 25th. The parish will once again have a Lenten Friday Movie Series led by Steve Howe.

Returning Catholics is ongoing and currently two are attending. TOT starts March 10th and the theme this spring is Social Justice and the Holy Spirit.

In closing James' recommendations are that we scout for people for Steering Committee with increased urgency. We are also to send email Attention Fr. Tim, re: website.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Zeiler

ATTACHMENT #1

Date: March 2009

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

Lent has begun and that means there is an event every weekend, almost. One of the candidates for initiation is a catechumen, non-baptized. This is significant because we will use the Year A lectionary reading on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. On these Sundays the catechumen will be called to be examined by the community in preparation for initiation at the Easter Vigil. The candidates for further initiation, adults and teens to be confirmed and children receiving First Eucharist, will be examined on the 2nd Sunday. All of these events take place at the 11:00AM Mass.

CLW

Children like Children's Liturgy of the Word. The children range in age from 4 to 12, but as the kids become more comfortable in the setting they begin to participate in the homily time. It is very nice.

Christian Enrichment

Wella Lasola and Mary White went to the LA Religious Education Congress in Anaheim the first weekend of Lent.

Infant Baptism Preparation

I met with four families for infant baptism preparation in February.

First Reconciliation

We have 4 children preparing for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation this year.

Social Events

The Fish Fry was Friday, March 6. The next event is the Pentecost Potluck and Town Hall meeting.

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.