

Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005

7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room

I. Opening Prayer

Gaylon Parsons

II. Approval of Minutes **Ms. Margaret Claire Parsons Doherty had other ideas about her mom typing up the minutes. Therefore, the minutes will be furnished at a later date.**

III. **What have you heard? What have you seen?** Fr. Tim, what's keeping you up at night?

IV. Suggestions for Pastoral Councils

Chapter 3:
Reading: Peter Lange
(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)

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D. Old Business

1. Recruiting/organizing for 04/03/2005 Bake Sale

2. Parish Dinner/Dance set for April 9, 2005, \$30.00 per person at the Colombo Club

3. Garden benches and Easter Fire stand

E. New Business

1. New parish directory coordinator, Melissa Lucero beginning

VI. Closing Prayer

Joe Loduca

VII. Hospitality

Hank Hyatt

Attachments:

1. Pastoral Assistant Report
2. School Report

Parish Council Minutes
Church of St. Leo the Great
2/14/05

Attendees: Angie Minor, Evangeline Brown, Gaylon Parsons, Hank Hyatt, Joe Loduca, Norah Hippolyte, Stan Jones, Fr. Tim Johnson

Hospitality: Stan Jones

Opening Prayer: Hank Hyatt

Closing Prayer: Joe Loduca

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm

Approval of Parish Council minutes:

First: Evangeline Brown

Second: Angie Minor

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

Parishioners have communicated their concerns about funding the statues in the garden and about the Bishop's Annual Appeal (particularly with regard to building the new cathedral).

Fr. Tim is kept up at night by desires on the part of school staff to have all St. Leo's School students attend Mass; most students are not Catholic.

Pastoral Reading: (Gaylon Parsons)

Chapter 2 – *Seeing the Local Church as the Diocese of Oakland*

Faith in Service to the Word is the strategic plan of the Diocese of Oakland. The diocese's four core values are accountability, collaboration, spirituality, and diversity. Both the diocese and the chancery have mission statements. As a parish, our concept of our "local church" should include the parish, deanery, and diocesan levels.

Norah agreed to bring copies of *Faith in Service to the Word* to anyone interested in reading it. Hank requested a copy.

Pastor's Report:

- The year has gotten off to a good start, and Lent is going well. The Rite of Sending took place yesterday.
- Finances are doing well so far, even though pledges were spotty on Stewardship Sunday. There were few new sign-ups for EFT.

- The quote for repair of the gym's sprinkler system came in at \$10k, with an additional \$600 fee for fire department verification and provision of an adapter.
- Tree trimming at the rectory and convent is complete, as is the plumbing work at the convent.

Pastoral Assistant's Report:

- RCIA is going well. There are already three new people signed up for next year's RCIA.
- Returning Catholics has regular attendees, as does the Stewardship Committee. They are few but mighty.

School Report:

The school completed and delivered to Fr. Tim its WASC self-study. One of the major recommendations is an increased relationship with the parish. Fr. Tim is increasing his interactions with students and visibility at the school.

A subcommittee was formed to begin meeting with parents at the school. Evangeline Brown is chair, Brendan Doherty and Gaylon Parsons will join her. Others to be identified later.

Old Business:

- The next bake 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 \$30 per person for dinner and dancing, \$15 per person for dancing only. The Banez Brothers Band will provide music, and in between a DJ will play. Ticket sales will begin as soon as tickets are printed.
- The parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2005. The Streamside site has been reserved.
- No new development on the Labyrinth project. *Remove from the agenda until further notice.*
- No news on the garden benches or the Easter fire stand.
- Hank Hyatt and Peter Lange attended the dialogue with Bishop Vigneron event. The Bishop has five big goals: resolve the sex abuse scandal, build a cathedral, increase regular Mass attendance among baptized Catholics to 50%, make once-a-month reconciliation the norm among Catholics, and make lifelong catechesis available to Catholics in the diocese.

New Business:

- Melissa Lucero still hasn't agreed to be the parish directory coordinator.
- Evangelization Committee possibility was floated.

ATTACHMENT #1

Date: March 2005

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

This year we have a rare occurrence in the church. A couple weeks ago I met with a woman, Judith, who said she was interested in joining the Catholic Church. After meeting with her I made sure to introduce her to Fr. Tim because I felt she was one of those who should be received into the Church at this year's Easter Vigil. Fr. Tim and I have spoken and listened to Judith and we believe her to be ready for this step in her faith journey. Please keep Judith as well as our catechumen and other candidates in your prayers as we all approach the Great Vigil of Easter and the Season of Easter.

Also, we are forming a small team to meet with people who are at the very beginning for the initiation process. Chandra Miller and Natalia del Pozo have agreed to meet with our new inquirers.

CLW

The children have had much to hear and think about at CLW for the past few weeks. The readings for Lent offer wonderful imagery. We use the homily discussion to apply the readings to our daily lives.

Christian Enrichment

The last month has had zero attendance at the 9:45AM, Sunday morning, Intermediate, Young Teen and Teen sessions. The Bible study has some new faces. Evening Prayer has averaged 3 including myself. I think Christian Meditation has about 4 or 5 attendees.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Lent was a disappointment for some since they were unable to have their child baptized. Baptisms have been on hold until the season of Easter. Speaking of baptisms, Gaylon and Brendan had a baby girl, Margaret Clare, on Friday, March 4. (Mother and daughter share a birthday.)

First Reconciliation

Four youth will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at the Communal Penance service on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30PM.

ATTACHMENT #1

Service Opportunities Brochure & Program Opportunities Brochure

In addition to the Service Opportunities brochure in the rack located in the church vestibule there are individual description sheets for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Acolytes. These sheets will need some revision as a result of some changes to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM).

Social Events

Rumor has it that the fish was delicious. You missed a good time if you did not attend the Fish Fry on March 4.

Social Justice Events

Each year on Good Friday many attend a rally held at Lawrence Livermore Lab. And each year many people are arrested.

Parish Nurses

We are in the beginning stages of this project once again. Post Easter Sunday we hope to meet with a few nurses from our community to brain storm some ideas.

Returning Catholics

I believe the Welcome Home series has welcomed back two individuals this year. They are Carolyn Anderson and Marguerite Tafoya. We recently had a tour of the church. The series always ends with the Communal Penance Service.

If you have questions, please feel most welcome to ask. I am available at the rectory on Wednesdays from about 7:00P to 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 March meeting:

- The WASC team will be at our school site on March 15-16-17. Although we are anticipating a great visit, we ask that you keep us in your prayers.
- Our first quarterly newsletter is scheduled to go to print next week. I will forward one to you when we get the final copy.
- As always, thanks for your ongoing support