

Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005

7:30PM in the Old Prayer Room

- I. Opening Prayer Evangeline Brown
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for 05/09/05
- III. **What have you heard? What have you seen?** Fr. Tim, what's keeping you up at night?
- IV. AGENDA
- A. Pastor's Report (Parish Profile Form) Tim Johnson
 - B. Pastoral Assistant Report (see attachment #1) Norah Hippolyte
 - C. School Report (see attachment #2) Sonya Simril
 - D. Old Business
- 1. Review goals (see attachment #3)-Final Approval
 - 2. Easter fire (*Benches are about ready.*)
 - 3. Nominations for the new Council
 - 4. New parish directory pictures May 25, 26 and June 10, 11
 - 5. Parish/School Partnership Committee report (Evangeline Brown)
- E. New Business
- 1. July meeting is Wednesday, July 6, 2005.
 - 2. Potluck list
- V. Closing Prayer Darcel Walker
- VI. Hospitality Joe Loduca

Attachments:

Minutes

1. Pastoral Assistant Report
2. School Report
3. Long Range Pastoral Plan
Parish Profile Form

Parish Council Minutes
Church of St. Leo the Great
5/9/05

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

Absent: Darcel Walker, Hank Hyatt

Hospitality: Peter Lange

Opening Prayer: Joe Loduca

Closing Prayer: Bernadette Lufrano

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm

Approval of Minutes:

First: Evangeline

Second: Angie

Pastor's Report:

There was a \$211.38 profit from the parish dinner dance.

No update on the Cingular proposal.

Fr. Gabriel will be moving sometime in the summer. Fr. Joseph will remain through December.

Debt reduction is "waning".

The current wedding coordinator, Sharon O'Neil, is leaving. Melissa Lucero and Luz Matha are taking over the responsibilities.

We have a new Pope – Benedict XVI

Pastoral Assistant Report:

There were 4 new inquiries for RCIA. Will be looking for new RCIA members. Norah plans on doing registration for new parishioners.

School Report:

There will be 32 students graduating on 6/2/05 at 6:15pm at St. Leo's church.

Old Business:

Some changes were made to the Long Range Pastoral Plan – omit Peter Aiello (second bullet under Outreach, delete "such as HUG (fourth bullet under Outreach), delete Just Faith (fifth bullet under Outreach); change heading of **Stewardship** to **Becoming a Stewardship Parish** and items under this heading should include Promote EFT and Get more people involved. The council will review changes at the June meeting.

Volunteers are needed to man the sign-up table for directory pictures after each mass for the next 2 weekends. So far, 60 individuals/families have signed up.

The Parish/School Partnership committee had a successful first meeting. It was mostly organizational and people sharing issues (more on Catholic experience). The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 5/23/05 at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room.

Fr. Tim and Norah have announced prospective Parish Council members – Natalia del Poso, Craig Lucero and Rafael Matha. There should be a final list by the next meeting. The Council members provisionally approved the nominees with Peter Lange moving to approve, seconded by Angie Minor.

New Business:

The July meeting will be potluck and held on 7/6/05 at 6:30pm.

ATTACHMENT #1

Date: June 2005

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

Thanks to Wella Lasola, Chandra Miller and Natalia del Pozo, we have been able to meet with the newest inquirers.

CLW

Children's Liturgy of the Word, CLW, is an on-going liturgy for children ages four to twelve which takes place during the 11:00AM Mass. One of the reasons we offer CLW is because the homily in the main assembly is intended for adult hearers. CLW offers a homily designed to carry a message and engage the children.

Christian Enrichment

The summer is used to review, re-charge and to grow.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Baptism preparation is a necessary. It provides an opportunity to re-hear important church teachings as well as reflect on the faith the parents are nurturing in themselves and their children.

Social Events

The next event on the calendar is the Parish Picnic. Please start talking about it now.

Stewardship

The committee meets on Wednesday, June 15, at 7:30PM in the rectory. At the previous meeting the committee reviewed the information we gathered at the Town Hall meeting and considered how we could use and store the data. We also discussed gathering information from more parishioners.

Parish Nurses

There has been no movement in this area.

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.

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 June meeting:

- Congratulations to thirty-two students who graduated on June 2, 2005. Twenty-seven of them applied and was accepted to the Catholic High School of their choice.
- Our last day of school is Friday, June 10th. Summer School is June 27 through July 29, 2005
- We are accepting applications for grades PK-6th for the 2005-2006 school year. If you know of anyone interested, please refer them to us.
- As always, thanks for your ongoing support

ATTACHMENT #3

Long Range (Five Year) Pastoral Plan Top Priorities/Programs/Desires

Stewardship

- Become a stewardship parish
 - Reduce /eliminate debt
 - Do at least one fund raiser annually
 - Promote time, talent, treasure
 - Promote EFT

Outreach

- Increase congregation by attracting the young, old and previously disenfranchised. Depending on the needs, we should take both varied and focused approaches.
- Continue faith based programs such as RCIA/RCIC, Bible Study, etc.
- Continue our support for our international sister parish, St. Martin Sacatepequez in Guatemala, and our parish-awareness of that relationship.
- Continue our charitable support to those in need.
- Continue our support of a Social Justice based programs.
- Continue to foster more connection between church and school and also between the school and our sister parish's CCD program such as the Church/School Partnership Committee.
- Designate individuals or a committee to encourage personal involvement in various parish programs (enrollment) and general communications (emails, signs, etc.) to increase parish participation and awareness of upcoming news and events.
- Continue to develop the email lists with its' uses.

Social Hospitality

- Community activities, social events such as concerts, dances, potlucks, etc. not only for those who are active members but also to draw in new members.
- Increase parish picnic participation.
- Maintain the warm sense of welcome to all.

Criteria for measuring success/progress in these long-range pastoral plans. Are our attempts to implement responses to these plans:

- encouraging parishioners of all ages to deepen their lives in St. Leo's and to further participation in the parish's life?
- offering the parishioners adequate social events?
- in accord with our mission statement?
- producing happiness in the parishioners?

Notes from the Town Hall meeting, May 15, 2005

1. Combine hospitality after Mass with "meal" events;
2. Continue to encourage public use of the garden;
3. More use of opportunities for communal prayer;
4. Consider hiring someone to generate more enthusiasm and better promote events which may be used as fundraisers;
5. Small dinner gatherings to foster a better sense of community;
6. Those who participate in potlucks should bring their recipes;
7. Planning should be done on an annual basis for events throughout the year;
8. The choir director should review songs with the community prior to Mass;
9. Choir members should be interspersed in the assembly, periodically, to encourage singing;
10. More people ought to join the choir;
11. Publish a liturgy aid with the music in it or put the numbers of the songs on a board;
12. Once a month people should wear nametags during Mass;
13. Lector training and practice so that no one will feel the need to read from the missalette;
14. Greeters posted at the doors to welcome people.