

Church of St. Leo the Great

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Parish Council Agenda

October 13, 2003

7:30 in the Old Prayer Room

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| I. Opening Prayer | Joe Loduca |
| II. Approval of Minutes | Minutes for the September, 2003 Meeting. |
| III. <u>Suggestions for Pastoral Councils</u> | Chapter Two:
Reading: Angie Minor
(Remember to bring your copy of <u>Suggestions</u>) |
| IV. AGENDA | |
| A. Pastor's Report | Pastor |
| B. Christian Enrichment Ministries Report (see attachment #1). | Norah Hippolyte |
| C. Pastoral Assistant Report (see attachment #2). | Norah Hippolyte |
| D. School report (see attachment #3) | Sonya Simril |
| E. Old Business | |
| 1. Securing a Picnic Site for 2004 Picnic | |
| 2. Discussion of Day of Renewal | Gil Adauto
New Members |
| F. New Business | |
| 1. Discussion of Demographics Study -- Set up committee | Gil Adauto |
| 2. Identification of Specific Fund Raising Events
What and How Often? | Gil Adauto |
| V. Closing Prayer | Charles Gittings |
| VI. Hospitality | Elma Penaranda |
- Attachments: September 8, 2003 Parish Council Meeting Minutes.
1. Christian Enrichment Ministries Report.
 2. Pastoral Assistant Report.
 3. School Report.

ATTACHMENT ONE

Date: October 2003
To: Parish Pastoral Council
From: Norah Hippolyte
Re: Christian Enrichment Ministries

RCIA/RCIC

This is an enjoyable and challenging year for the RCIA process. There are approximately 5 to 10 candidates. This process requires a long commitment on the part of the team. We have individuals who are willing to and able to assist with some parts of the process but we could use one or two more "full time" people. The RCIC is also experiencing some changes. This year there has been a greater push to getting children involved and committed to a two year process and not being concerned about the 2nd grade First Communion norm. The first family meeting is Monday, October 6, at 6:30PM in the Fr. Lacey Room.

CLW

Children's Liturgy of the Word is effective in promoting children's involvement and understanding of the Mass. A parent recently commented that her child actually wants to come to Church.

Christian Enrichment

If you look through the Christian Enrichment brochure you will notice it begins with a description of the RCIA process, an adult process. The effort is to encourage adults to participate in one of the various programs available for adult faith formation and enrichment. We have an adult Bible Study group which meets on Tuesdays along with Wednesday evening prayer and Christian Meditation on Saturday mornings. Young people are not left out. There are sessions on Sunday mornings for all young people whether they are preparing for a sacrament or not.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Some parents have chosen to attend preparation classes previous to the birth of their child. Three families completed infant baptism preparation in September.

First Reconciliation

Our first meeting for reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation is Monday, October 20, at 7:00PM in the Fr. Lacey Room.

If you have questions, please feel most welcome to ask. I am available at the rectory on Wednesdays from 8:30A -5:00P, 7:30P-10:00P and Saturdays from 2:00P-4:30P. Or you can email me at NHipp0@aol.com (that's a zero).

ATTACHMENT TWO

Date: October 2003

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

Service Opportunities Brochure & Program Opportunities Brochure

If people have questions about the Religious Education program including sacramental preparation, then direct them to the Christian Enrichment Opportunities brochure located in the church rack in the vestibule. It has a description of each offering as well as a registration form.

Social Events

All Souls Day (Dia de los Muertos), November 2, falls on a Sunday this year. Is this a opportunity for a celebration life and death or at least some education?

Social Justice Events

This year many Respect Life themes have been woven into our Topical Issues Forum. The first topic is Embracing Our Dying(October 2) and the second is Human Cloning (October 9). The bulletin will have a listing and short description of each week's topic.

Stewardship

EFT is coming to a parish near you.

Fundraising

Several parishioners are concerned with the amount of debt we have incurred as a result of refurbishing the church. Mary Casserly is currently putting together a plan for a craft fair to be held in December. Other names have surfaced who may be willing to assist her with this project. We are looking at working with the school on this event.

Evangelization

Tell every young adult you know about this dynamic event called Theology on Tap. We meet at the Kerry House on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00PM.

Registration

The registration request form on the website (www.stleothegreat.org) is working.

ATTACHMENT THREE

**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 October meeting:

- Back to School Night was a success
- The Annual Halloween Party and Dance will be held on October 31, 2003
- Our enrollment is 264
- The school year is off to a great start!!

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Attendees: Fr. Tim K Johnson, Nora Hippolyte, Gil Aduato, Jr., Joseph Loduca, Stephen Howe, Charles Gittings, Elma Penaranda, Angie Minor, Evangeline Brown, Bernadette Lufrano, Stanton Jones.

Absent: Bernadette Lufrano

Guests:

Hospitality: Elma Penaranda

Opening Prayer: Joe Loduca

Closing Prayer: Charles Gittings

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Corrections:

Stanton Jones' name had been misrepresented as Stanford.

Approval of Parish Council Minutes 9/08/2003

First - Evangeline Brown

Second - Angie Minor

Readings from Suggestions for Pastoral Councils

Angie Minor - Chapter Two - *Seeing the Local Church as the Diocese of Oakland*

The local church should be seen as all parishes of the diocese. The bishop, as the successor to the Apostles, along with the diocesan offices is responsible for the people of God at the local level. There should be six specific goals: focus on the parishes, offer hospitality, promote justice for all, appreciate and respect diversity, be seen as ministry, develop accountability.

Reactions to the reading:

Gil - we took a look at a lot of these things when doing our mission statement.

Pastor's Report

The church gutters need a \$2,500.00 adjustment. Sewers problem will be done for \$5,000 for both houses instead of \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00 estimate for each. Wireless companies are not looking for service expansions in this area.

Faith Formation

RCIC

There is a need for one or two full time people in this area. One change in RCIC is getting children involved in a two year process and not be concerned with the 2nd grade First Communion norm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Christian Enrichment

Charles Gittings spoke of having a very good group and that it would be nice to have a rotation of speakers.

Infant Baptism Preparation

First Reconciliation

First meeting is scheduled October 20 at 7:00 in the Fr. Lacey Room.

Stewardship

Electronic Funds Transfer is coming to the parish.

Pastoral Assistant Report

Nora talked about Dia de los Muertos and how we should be doing something along those lines. Mary Casserly is putting together a plan for a crafts fair to be held in December perhaps in conjunction with the school to help pay down the dept.

School Report

The school year is off to a great start. Back to school night was successful. The annual Halloween Party and Dance will be held on October 31. Enrollment is at 264.

Old Business:

Gil will call to secure the picnic site 11/1/03 for next year.

Stan went to the Day of Renewal. Bishop Cummins gave an inspirational speech. Stan gave a talk about the sessions that he had attended and reported that he had taken away much from the experience.

New Business

Gil would like to set up a committee of 2-3 people to look at the demographics report to possibly pick out a couple of topics to pursue for it. Evangeline Brown and Stanton Jones have volunteered to analyze the demographics. Nora suggested getting a person not currently involved with the council to also look at the demographics.

Nora reported that a bake sale can be done every three months. There was also a discussion of a pancake sale and possibly a dance potentially for Valentine's Day. There was also some discussion of a type of rummage sale to help pay down the church dept.