

Parish Council Agenda

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005

7:30PM in the Lacey Room

- I. Opening Prayer Bernadette Lufrano
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for 10/05/05
- III. **What have you heard? What have you seen?** Fr. Tim, what's keeping you up at night?
- IV. Suggestions for Pastoral Councils Chapter 6
Reading: Hank Hyatt
(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. Parish Communications
 2. E-Mail
 3. Telephone Bank
- E. New Business
1. Welcome new Council member, Rod Alston
- VI. Closing Prayer Evangeline Brown
- VII. Hospitality Hank Hyatt

Attachments:

- Minutes
1. Pastoral Assistant Report
 2. School Report

Date: November 2005

To: Parish Pastoral Council

From: Norah Hippolyte

Re: Pastoral Assistant Report

RCIA/RCIC

The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming will take place on Sunday, November 20 at the 11:00AM Mass. This rite is the first of several "rites of passage" throughout the RCIA/RCIC process. This rite marks the initial progress of conversion and belief in God.

CLW

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets each Sunday during the 11:00AM Mass. It is intended for children ages 4 to 12.

Christian Enrichment

There are sessions available for adults and children. A list of all the sessions is available in the church vestibule in the pamphlet rack.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Baptism preparation takes place in two sessions. Participants watch a video and answer some preliminary questions during the first session. The second session involves a discussion on the topics of faith, Jesus, community, and the actual sacrament.

First Reconciliation

Students who are in grades 4 or higher are invited to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation. The classes take place on the third Monday of the months of October, November, January, February, and March.

Social Events

The Epiphany party takes place on Sunday, January 8, 2006. Jack and Katie Armendariz have agreed to coordinate the party.

Stewardship

The next Stewardship meeting is on Wednesday, November 16.

Parish Council Day of Recollection October 15, 2005

Attendees: Evangeline Brown, Gaylon Parsons, Sonya Simril, Craig Lucero, Natalia del Pozo, Hank Hyatt, Fr. Tim Johnson, Norah Hippolyte

First: Gaylon Parsons

Second: Sonya Simril

Opening Prayer: Hank Hyatt

What have you heard? What have you seen?

- eScrip. The parish needs to push both eScrip and EFT.
- TOT speaker concerns: Enneagram, Gospel of Mary of Magdala. Some parishioners are concerned that these topics are neo-Gnostic.

Pastor's Report

- Cingular will give us \$1,800/month, rather than \$1,775. Each 5 years, the agreement will be reviewed and a COLA adjustment will be made. The contract is for 15 years.
- Fr. Tim has proposed that 50% of rent go to debt reduction fund and 50% go to the maintenance/capitol fund. None of the rent goes to the operating fund.
- We may have Fr. Herman Leong moving in to the rectory in about 2 weeks and staying until August 2006.
- Next Saturday is diaconate ordination at 10am.
- Following Saturday at 10am is commissioning of lectors, acolytes, and installation of Eucharistic ministers.
- The 1st weekend in November the changes will be instituted at the Masses.

Pastoral Assistant Report

- Ministry Fair had 5 tables, volunteers worked the tables, there were sign-ups for the ministries, and people milled around in the garden. This was the first ministry fair at St. Leos!

School Report

- Finished the candy drive, and Sonia will have numbers later.

Old Business

- We skipped labyrinth and directory because they were dealt with at our last meeting.
- Norah has been working on finding a replacement for Peter Lange on the Parish Council.
- We made about \$260 at the Bake Sale, and we sold out!

New Business

How to change how we minister to young families without alienating parishioners who have been here a long time – many of whom are satisfied. There is a group of usual suspects who take the lead on most of the activities of the church. That group needs to be expanded. Parish council needs to avoid doing the work of organizing, or of, for example, running the dinner-dance. Parish staff need to avoid doing so much that they burn out.

Ideas:

- Do less.
- Share responsibility for opening the doors with leaders of various ministries.
- Do something high profile in the realm of good works.
- Build a network of professional services to help build community.
- Do what we do well, better (such as dinner-dance and potluck).
- Infiltrate cells of people and start talking.
- Change the way we're doing things, so that it's not so hard for staff. Take a more facilitative role rather than a worker bee role.
- Begin a home visiting ministry.
- Event planning committee
- Tap former parish council members to lead events
- PC decides events, appoints people to chair/lead the event and form team, PC member acts as liaison to share information back with parish council

Continue:

- Dinner dance; Hank is liaison with support from Fr. Tim and Norah. Elma is good candidate for chair. October 2006.
- Pentecost Potluck
- Parish Picnic
- Thank You Dinner
- Epiphany Party; 12th Night Party
- Fish Fry
- Fashion Show Tea
- Holy Spirit prayer at Pentecost

New things to start doing

- Parent group (Kristin Druquer)
- Add a nudge role for reminder calls (seniors). Provide church phone if needed.
- Add tasks and estimated team size to list of things/materials needed
- Build a workplan template and articulate new process for doing things.

Parish Nurses

Gaylon Parsons has been very successful of getting several of the nurses in our parish together to offer education and service to the community. They have planned to offer to take blood pressure readings.

Fundraising

Fundraising will become its own committee soon. Addie Tatto has brought many ideas for fundraising to the Stewardship committee. The Fish Fry will be used as a fundraiser and we look forward to sponsoring a Fashion Show and Tea in 2006.

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 November meeting:

- The All Saints Day Mass went very well. Thanks for your prayers and support
- The first quarter has ended and our students seem to be doing great
- Parent, student, teacher conferences will be November 8-9-10
- Our Annual Christmas Boutique and Breakfast with Santa is December 5, 2005. Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- As always, thanks for your ongoing support

SCHOOL OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT DEMOGRAPHICS – 2005-2006

Asian	7%
Hispanic	5%
Pacific Islander	6%
Caucasian	5%
African American	77%

Male	48%
Female	52%

Catholic-Practicing Parishioner (verified)	9%
Catholic – Practicing non-Parishioner (verified)	8%
Catholic: not Practicing (verified)	14%
Non-Catholic	69%