

St. Joseph's Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2009

- A. Opening Prayer – The Memorare provided by Mary Ellen Roma
- B. Attendance: Fr. Peter, Fr. Don Bosco, Lori Dunbar, Michael Pizzo, Nick Bellefiore, Paul Birkel, Barbara Dalton, Michael Hill, Lori Lee, Mary Ellen Roma, Norm Twaddel and Pam Fogg
Excused: David Warren and Deacon John McAuliffe
- C. St. Brigid Finance Committee Report: John Laplante & John Voyer presented the Revenues and Expenses for the school. It was pointed out that the Fund Raising Activities planned throughout the year are crucial to the school's revenues. There was an increase this fiscal year in the pension fund. This was due to the fact that a teacher had been misclassified in the wrong pension category and this had to be corrected with retro costs for the period of time of misclassification.
- There was a question about uncollectible tuition expenses. This is ongoing as far as collections. Lori Lee added that the school works with families to accommodate hardships, etc. Currently, there are 330 students in attendance. A question was asked about a student breakdown which would indicate the number of parishes that are represented and how many students are there that have no parish affiliation. Lori Lee said that 13 Parishes outside our Cluster send children to the school; she said more detailed info was available and she would provide the Parish Council with it. It was also reported that at this point in time there was a surplus of \$20,700.
- Fr. Peter reported that from the Bishop's Capital Campaign there was an endowment to support Catholic Education/tuition assistance for families who need it. When this money will "kick in" we don't know.
- John L. and John V. will report again to the Parish Council in the coming months.
- D. Disciples in Mission: Linda LaVopa reported that the DM concluded the Year Two evangelization experience at Lent 2008. In Year 2 there were 55 participants, that's 20 more than the year before. There were also ten families participating at home versus the three families from the year before. A Day of Reflection was held on May 2 and 17 people attended. There were several recommendations that came from the group, one of which was to continue meeting as a group through out the year. This was acted upon and there has been a small group meeting on Sundays since June. The final year (year 3) of Disciples in Mission begins with Ash Wednesday 2010.
- E. Centennial Mass Report: Fr. Don Bosco reported that everything went very well. Everything that was done was well planned and celebrated. The Centennial was a spiritually enhancing event. Pam was asked to draft a thank you letter to Colleen Griffin from the Parish Council; then get the names of the rest of the committee members and send them thank you letters as well.
- F. Pastor's Report: Fr. Peter reported that the Parish is currently in the "silent phase" of the Capital Campaign. St. Joseph's target goal is \$820,000. If the goal is reached, 25% remains in the Parish. The "public phase" begins in January.

Cluster Transition: there is a meeting next Tuesday (11/3). There will be discussion on long range planning. Job descriptions for the Cluster Business Manager and Pastoral Life Coordinator were distributed to the committee members.

Fr. Peter stated that Fr. Jim plans to attend as many Parish Council meetings as possible. Fr. Peter also said that Fr. Jim is realistic in his approach of transitioning and realizes this is a big task. The Parish Council needs to be as open and communicative as possible.

Fr. Peter reported that he has not heard anything back from Denny's. Michael Pizzo said he has ten couples who are interested in the cards. Fr. Peter will contact them again.

Father Peter gave the closing prayer and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Fogg, Secretary