

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2013

Father brought the meeting to order at 6:40 with prayer. Then Welcomed all present.

Welcome:

\*\*We haven't met in a few months in part because of his accident—he is better now—still having some vertigo. He had some vision therapy that helped and he was gone from Sunday mass for 6 weeks.

--Parishes covered the costs of the priests during that time. Father asked the Colorado district attorney to seek that amount, approximately \$1000, from the uninsured driver at fault in the accident.

\*\*The Finance Council meetings and state of the parish address was also been pushed back a bit because of this.

\*\*The Campus Center was just completed and is now open 8:00am-8:00pm.

\*\*Parish operation expenses are down so far this year

\*\*Father has essentially taken on Ginny's job.

\*\*New thermostats have been purchased, allowing the HVAC system to work properly and efficiently.

\*\*Capital improvements on the campus center, which were originally to be donated, ended up being contracted to finally complete the project. This increased outlays beyond what was foreseen.

\*\*Plan on doing some offertory enhancement projects possibly this fall.

\*\*Finance Council meeting 2/8/13

Concerns:

Father opened the discussion up for concerns. He talked of the Campus center and it being conceived as "His project" and what we could do to help alleviate that view.

Religious Education was brought up—there are concerns about the summer program as well as the Saturday schedule. The positives are the community service projects—everyone loves those and feels they need to continue. The children reaped many benefits from being in the community. The Camp in Kansas City was very positive for those that went. All of the children are still talking about that week and what it meant to them.

There were concerns that mass attendance is down because children aren't coming to religious ed/mass on Sundays. Concerns that Saturdays weren't working for many. There is a meeting on Sunday 2/12/13 to discuss possibilities with families involved—what's working and what is not.

Confirmation: The program was reformatted this year and based on the Catechism, Vatican II documents, Papal documents and Canon Law. There were some parents that didn't agree at first and there was a parent meeting to discuss. After much discussion there were a few minor adjustments and the program seems to be working out to be a beautiful project.

\*\*Father asked that we pray for help in finding an organist as John has found a new job.

\*\* Hospitality Sundays: Father wants the council at those so we can be introducing ourselves to our new parishioners. We are the face of the church. WE need to be welcoming and getting to know all of our fellow parishioners.

AGENDA:

Playground Equipment:

Mark Brown talked about this. He reported that we are off about 6". To fix the problem we need a bigger auger and that he thinks we need to start in the middle and work our way out. He thinks Gary Lamoreux would help. They are thinking of having 2 set crews. He thinks we will need 18 more holes dug. He is working on setting a target date of completion but not yet.

Sunday Suppers:

This will be for the College students at the Campus Center. Pam and Nancy will head this project. Father's idea is to have breakfast meals for a while. The idea is to keep it simple because for a while it is going to be small. It will be from 7p-8p each Sunday.

Rectory Dinners:

1-2 Couples will prepare a meal either at the rectory or at home 1-2 times a month. This could possibly be hors d'oeuvres as well. Cooking would be for 7 people and it was decided there would be no children.

This will begin after Easter. Father will send out available dates via email and families will coordinate with Father. The start time will be 6:30 pm one during the week and one on the weekend to choose from.

Community Emergency Fund:

Food pantry needs moved

They would like our church to take a Saturday at their facility and increase our collection to more than once a month.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 16, 6:30 pm

Father adjourns the meeting.