

**St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes
December 9, 2009**

Opening prayer at 7:08 led by Tony Adams.

Attendees: Tony Adams, Phil Ferrell, Judy Galbraith, Tom Hili, Mike Jameson, Fr. Hightower, Paul McNeil, Liz Turpin, Bev Wells, and Loren Wright.

Guests/Visitors: Spencer Norby from Assisted Listening Systems provided information on the installation of an induction loop in the sanctuary to improve the quality of the sounds heard by our parishioners with hearing aids. He left a formal bid to be discussed as an action item later in the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by Bev Wells; seconded by Phil Ferrell: "To approve meeting minutes for the October 2009 meeting as presented." Motion passed.

Council Chair/Vice Chair Nominations: Motion by Bev Wells; seconded by Loren Wright: "To Nominate Phil Ferrell as Chair, and Paul McNeil as Vice Chair". Motion passed. It was noted by Judy Galbraith that we made need to amend the Parish Council bylaws to include the current selection process.

New Member Introductions: Judy Galbraith, Tom Hili, and Mike Jameson are the new Parish Council members. They have been provided with information binders including copies of the Constitution, current budget, strategic plan, etc.

Pastor's Report: Father Hightower reported that efforts are underway to plan and prepare Christmas decorations. The sanctuary will be decorated on December 20, 2009 beginning at 1:00 pm. The Giving Tree has been fruitful, there will be a lot of food going up to Mount Vernon this year. Monday, December 12 we will host one of the Simbang Gabi celebrations in our deanery. Wednesday, December 16 is the Advent Communal Penance service.

Youth Group: Terrie Nelson provided a one page summary of recent youth activity. Jackie LaValley has moved on to St Martin's University. Ashleigh Nelson and a new Youth Group representative should be at the January 2010 meeting.

Faith Formation: Loren Wright reported that the Faith Formation Commission in November was introduced to 'Living Your Strengths'. The December meeting was scheduled at the same time as the December Parish Council Meeting.

Liturgical Commission: Bev Wells reported that the Liturgy Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Stewardship Committee: Tony Adams reported that there is no scheduled Stewardship meeting in December. There has been a lot of positive feedback for the Stewardship Fair in November.

-Finance Council: No Report.

- Faith Formation: Loren Wright reported that the Faith Formation Commission in November was introduced to 'Living Your Strengths'. The December meeting was scheduled at the same time as the December Parish Council Meeting.

Social Outreach: Paul McNeil reported that the committee is continuing emphasis on keep money close to feed people. \$1,000 each was granted to Hospitality Kitchen, Emergency Food Network, FISH Food Bank, and Nativity House. \$750 grants went to the Mission School in Haiti and Smile Train.

Action Items:

Sound System: Motion by Paul McNeil, second by Bev Wells. "That we move forward with the Induction Loop installation if Phil Ferrell can verify that Mr. Norby is appropriately licensed and bonded." Motion Passed.

Liaison Assignments: Phil Ferrell: Facilities/building/Planning. Paul McNeil: Social Outreach. Deacon Dan Allen: Social Concerns. Bev Wells: Liturgy. Mike Jameson: Stewardship. Paul Stabbert: Finance. Loren Wright: Faith Formation. An updated Liaison Assignment page will be provided at the January 2010 meeting.

Prayer Assignments: New Parish Council members will be added to the Prayer rotation. An updated Prayer Assignment page will be provided at the January 2010 meeting.

Tony Adams got a photo of the new Parish Council to be posted in the vestibule.

Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be on January 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Nursery.

Phil Ferrell led us in closing prayer at 8:20 pm.

Thank You!: and farewell to outgoing Parish Council Members Tony Adams, Liz Turpin and Andrew Neiditz.