

St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes
February 24, 2010

Attendees: Phil Ferrell, Judy Galbraith, Tom Hili, Mike Jameson, Fr. Hightower, Paul McNeil, Raphael Ojeda, Bev Wells, and Loren Wright.

Opening prayer at 7:00 led by Loren Wright.

Meeting Minutes: **Motion** by Raphael Ojeda; seconded by Tom Hili: "To approve meeting minutes for the January 2010 meeting as presented." Motion passed unanimously.

Guests/Visitors: George Kovich gave an overview of the Social Outreach Committee. It was pointed out that the strategic plan for Social Outreach includes an objective of tithing; 10% of parish income should be offered to assist others in their time of need.

Motion by Bev Wells, seconded by Phil Ferrell "to designate 10% of parish revenue to be used for Social Outreach." Motion passed unanimously. **Motion** by Judy Galbraith, seconded by Mike Jameson "The Social Outreach budget request will be based on 10% of the expected revenue for the current year." Motion Passed unanimously. **Motion** by Paul McNeil, seconded by Bev Wells: "For Goal 3.3 in the Parish Strategic Plan the word budget should be changed to income." Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: We are in to Lent. Monday, March 15 is the Lenten Reconciliation service. We are receiving positive feedback on the induction loop that was installed in December.

Faith Community Building: Father Hightower has heard a request for more activities for older parishioners. One possibility would be a movie after the coffee and doughnuts offered after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Faith Formation: Loren Wright reported that he attended the February Faith Formation Commission meeting. They were finalizing their budget request for 2010 – 2011. Budget request for 2010 – 2011 is expected to increase to avoid further cutbacks in youth group activities.

Liturgical Commission: Bev Wells reported that the Liturgy Commission was in to Lenten planning and budget preparation. It was noted that people have been seeing the Catholics Come Home commercials on TV. Father Hightower will look into obtaining informational cards from the archdiocese.

Stewardship Committee: Mike Jameson reported that the Stewardship Committee met on February 10th. The dinner for parish newcomers is scheduled for April 10th. Friday Adoration is going well with 100 people participating. New banners are installed and, like everyone else, they are working on their budget. They are trying to get more users for the information kiosk.

-Finance Council: No Report.

Facilities Commission: Loren Wright reported that the Facilities Commission has started addressing many of the concerns presented at the January Parish Council meeting. The 2010 – 2011 Facilities budget request will be substantially less than the amount requested for 2009 – 2010. There will be a bulletin announcement in March to invite parishioners to join the commission. A Work Request / Concern form has been developed (modeled after the form suggested by the Finance Committee). The form will be used as a project management tool for Facilities improvements, major repairs, etc. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Phil Ferrell is the Liaison between the Parish Council and the Facilities commission. Loren is working on the commission as a volunteer member.

Social Outreach: Paul McNeil reported that the \$900 left in this quarter's allocation went to the local FISH food bank. The \$5,000.00 donation for Haiti relief went to Catholic Relief Services.

-Youth Group: No Report.

Action Items:

Lenten Soup Kitchen: Bev Wells reported that the Parish Council will be teaming with the Legion of Mary for Soup Kitchen on March 3rd. Parish Council members will be providing a pot of soup and some bread.

Spring Cleaning Event: The outdoor clean up is scheduled for March 27th (Saturday before Palm Sunday). Phil Ferrell will be leading the event this year.

Feast of St John Bosco: Judy Galbraith reported that the event went well with a good turn out.

Next Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be on March 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Nursery.

Raphael Ojeda led us in closing prayer at 8:15 pm.