

St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes

January 23, 2008

Opening prayer at 7:02 PM

Attendees: Tony Adams, Bunnee Butterfield, Kathy Deuel, Don Hearon, Jacob Suazo, Elizabeth Turpin, Beverly Wells, Loren Wright, Brian Guillot. (Parish Staff), Bob Miller (Stewardship Committee), Don Denning (Knights of Columbus), Janean Lewis (Liturgy Committee).

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes for November were distributed to Parish Council members via email. The November 2007 minutes were approved as presented.

Action Items: The Parish Council and German Club are responsible for Soup Kitchen on March 12. Bring food between 5:00 & 5:30; Mass at 6:00; Dinner at 6:30. Loren Wright will coordinate with the German Club.

Parishioners: Bob Miller gave a presentation on Stewardship which is defined as “a lifestyle – putting God First”. The intention is to get more people involved in the parish. He pointed out that in order for St John Bosco to become a ‘Stewardship Parish’ all of the standing committees need to be working together toward a common goal. He cited examples from the Archdiocese of Wichita where successful stewardship brought more people into supporting the parish. As people became more involved in the parish more money also came in to support Catholic schools, etc. Bob left two handouts; “An Overview of Stewardship”, and “Many Gifts: Consultative Leadership”. He also recommended the book Forming Generous Hearts by Leisa Anslinger and Vikki Shepp. There is training available on February 28, 2008 at St Charles Borromeo from Noon to 3:00 PM that discusses stewardship within the context of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Tony Adams will be attending the session representing the Parish council. Bob suggested that all parish committees spend 10 minutes at the opening of their meeting to discuss stewardship. A letter of commitment describing the parish Stewardship Plan is due (to the Archdiocese) in June of this year.

Parishioners: Don Denning from Knights of Columbus passed out material on the Ten Commandments: Project Moses that the Knights of Columbus are working on – attempting to gauge the level of interest within the parish. Costs for this project are not known at this time. The Knights will bring this issue to the Parish Council again next month (apparently seeking the council’s opinion on the project).

Committee Liaison Reports:

Community Building Commission: This group has not met for several years. (Parish) Community Building is part of every parish member’s responsibility.

Annual International Potluck Dinner: Parish Council members should meet in the Hall on 1:00 PM on Saturday to set up for this event.

Faith Formation Commission: A short meeting focused on possible family activities during Lent. There is also concern about the increasing costs for Breakfast (higher food costs and more participation). RCIA has 5 people this year. Jack Cranfill (RCIA volunteer) has recently returned home after open heart surgery at the University of Washington Medical Center.

Finance Committee: No report.

Youth Council: Jacob Suazo reported that the Youth group has recently received training on sexual harassment (a pilot class for the Archdiocese); they collected and distributed gifts from the Giving Tree; made a trip to Chehalis to deliver aide to flood victims; made a trip to Mount Vernon; decorated the sanctuary for the Christmas Season, had their annual snow tubing day and took down decorations at the end of the Christmas Season.

Social Outreach: This committee meets quarterly. The committee recently gave out \$6,000.00 to various groups.

Planning Committee: No Report.

Stewardship Committee: See Bob Miller presentation above.

Liturgical Committee: Committee involved in planning for Lent and Easter and the musician stipend proposal to be presented later in this meeting.

Old Business:

Parish Space Issues – Tony Adams gave a brief presentation, with handouts on records management as a methodology to help manage office space. After much discussion it appears that the Parish Space Issues go well beyond file management spanning concerns of the storage needs of various parish organizations, how well they are using that space, and identifying how best to use or create office space for parish staff and their programs.

New Business:

Musician Stipend Proposal – Janean Lewis submitted a proposal from the Liturgy Commission recommending payment of stipends to choir directors and main accompanists. During the discussion it was noted that some musicians are receiving payments, most are not receiving payment. Kathy Deuel will take the proposal to the Finance Committee to discover what the current payments to musicians are and what it would cost to implement the proposed musician stipends. The larger issue is the Parish's approach to stipends in general and what the implications are for hiring and administration.

How do we get organized – Kathy Deuel led discussion to divide responsibilities to better focus on the issues before the Parish Council. Issues and committee focals are as follows:

Space Issues: Kathy Deuel, Tony Adams, and Loren Wright

Communication / Liaison with other committees: Bev Wells, Tony Adams, and Andrew Neiditz

Constitution: Bunnee Butterfield and Liz Turpin

Strategic Planning: Phil Ferrell, and Liz Turpin

Action Items for February Agenda:

Stewardship

Soup Kitchen

Space Issues and needs

Liturgical Commission Proposal

Knights of Columbus: Ten Commandments Monument

Recruitment for outreach to other committees and councils

Budget Request (for Parish Council Expenses)

Next Meeting: Our next scheduled parish council meeting will be on **February 27, 2008.**

Kathy Deuel led us in closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53