

St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes

February 27, 2008

Opening prayer at 7:02 PM led by Tony Adams.

Attendees: Father Hightower, Deacon Dan Allen, Tony Adams, Bunnee Butterfield, Kathy Deuel, Liz Turpin, Beverly Wells, Phil Ferrell, Andrew Neiditz, Loren Wright, Jacob Suazo and Jacquelyn LaValley (Youth Group), Don Denning, Frank Hyke, and Jim Jackson (Knights of Columbus).

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes for January were distributed to Parish Council members via email. The January 2008 minutes were approved as presented.

Action Items: The Parish Council and German Club are responsible for Soup Kitchen on March 12. Parish Council members are asked to bring a pot of soup between 5:00 & 5:30. Mass is at 6:00 followed by Dinner at 6:30. Parish Council members should also help with clean up after dinner.

Parishioners: Frank Hyke, Jim Jackson, and Don Denning from Knights of Columbus discussed the proposed project to locate a Ten Commandments monument near the 105th Street entrances to the church parking lot. Bev Wells proposed a motion to recommend that Father Hightower support the Knights in this project. Seconded by Andrew Neiditz, motion passed unanimously. The Knights will pass a second basket to raise funds for the monument after Easter.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Finance Committee: Liz Turpin reported that the Finance Committee confirmed that the Musician Stipend Proposal, as presented would cost about \$50,000 per year. The next Finance Council meeting is on March 19. The parish council would like a report on what is currently being paid to musicians, and the policy, if any for deciding when musicians are to be paid. It was also noted that the Finance Committee is considering the sale of a condominium property in Mazatlan that is not being used.

Faith Formation Commission: Requested for K-8 tuition grants: \$50,000 (up from \$40,000 last year) and High School \$15,000 (up from \$10,000 last year). Linda Dalton leads this effort. Parishioners with students apply for tuition assistance. Grant decisions are made in the April – June time frame with grant monies going directly to schools. The increase in breakfast costs is also reflected in the Faith Formation budget request.

Youth Council: Jacob Suazo introduced Jacquelyn LaValley who will be the new Youth Council Liaison. Mission Mexico will not be continued due to liability concerns from the Archdiocese. Going forward the mission emphasis will be local allowing more youth to participate. Recent retreat was successful. There is a Junior High Rally next week (Senior High students serve as hosts at this event). Starting March 25th there will be a display of a developing human baby. The display will be updated monthly through Christmas.

Parish Council Budget: The \$1,000 budgeted for last year was spent on consultants for parish space issues. Parish Council is requesting \$3,000 for the current year assuming additional consulting costs.

Election Committee: The Election committee is responsible for designing the selection process for Parish Council Members (responsibilities are defined in the Parish Charter. Andrew Neiditz and Phil Ferrell volunteered to participate on the election committee that begins meeting in March.

Stewardship – Discussion and Strategy: Motion by Andrew Neiditz, seconded by Bev Wells, “That St John Bosco should focus on becoming a ‘stewardship parish’”. Motion passed unanimously.

Workgroup Reports:

Space Issues: Kathy, Tony, and Loren will meet in March to work on a Space Issues plan.

Committee Liaison: Bev Wells provided a list of contacts for the current organizations and groups at St John Bosco. She has phone numbers and addresses. She will be looking to acquire email addresses for these contacts. The intent is to establish a two way communication channel between the Parish Council and other groups within the parish.

Strategic Planning – Phil Ferrell and Liz Turpin will be working on a long term strategic plan that is goals based and focused on Stewardship.

Parish Constitution: Bunnee Butterfield and Liz Turpin are reviewing the current document with intentions to revise language (removing the Parish Council paid secretary verbiage and adding focus on Stewardship).

Action Items for March:

- Soup Kitchen March 12
- Space Issues interim committee meeting
- Strategic Planning interim committee meeting
- Liaison Committee – gather email addresses
- Ten Commandments Monument follow up – Don Denning
- Follow up with Finance Committee (Parish Council Budget and musician compensation).

Next Meeting: Our next scheduled parish council meeting will be on **March 26, 2008.**

Liz Turpin led us in closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42.