

St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes

March 26, 2008

Opening prayer at 7:02 PM led by Bev Wells.

Attendees: Father Hightower, Tony Adams, Kathy Deuel, Liz Turpin, Beverly Wells, Phil Ferrell, Andrew Neiditz, Loren Wright, and Jacquelyn LaValley.

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

Pastor's Report: Fr. Hightower discussed the recent passing of Harry Ridgely and Harry's work with the Legion of Mary including 30 years of care for Clare Burns who passed away in January. Harry had cancer but was concerned "If I die, who will take care of Clare". Father suspects this quiet servant has gone directly to heaven.

Parishioners: There were no parishioners with issues to present to the Parish Council. Tony Adams asked what the 'rebate' funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal would be used for. Fr Hightower suggested that excess funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal should be donated to Visitation and Holy Rosary Schools. The council concurred.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Finance Committee: Liz Turpin reported that the Finance Committee has stated that there are no funds for new programs at this time and they have recommended that the Musician Stipend Proposal should not be implemented. Liz Turpin moved to accept the Finance Council Recommendation, Tony Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted by that Finance Council that there are some 'Special Needs' situations where musicians are being paid (at \$35 instead of the \$100 requested in the Musician Stipend Proposal). Also, the Finance Council is trying to sell a Time Share Condominium in Mexico for \$5,000.

Stewardship Committee: Bob Miller is looking for an opportunity to provide more training on Stewardship to the parish council.

Project Moses: Tentative Schedule: Bulletin Insert on the 3rd Sunday in April followed by a special collection on the 4th Sunday in April with installation of the monument in July. It was noted that this conflicts with the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Knights of Columbus will be asked to select different dates for their collection.

Selection Committee: The parish council selection process will be the same as the process used in 2007. A panel of 3 people will make the selection. Father Hightower will be on the panel; Bob Miller has volunteered to serve on the panel.

Work Group Reports:

The space concerns subcommittee (Kathy, Tony, and Loren) have met and will be working on more frequent communication with the staff and parish on space issues. Ed Foster, Director of Property Management for the Archdiocese is scheduled to meet with the space concerns subcommittee after this evenings' parish council meeting. The \$3000 requested for additional consulting fees was approved by the Finance Council. The storage space used by the Funeral Ministry will be the prototype as an example of storage space management (stewardship).

Communications to Committees: Bev Wells has gathered email addresses for committee contacts within the parish. She has worked with Pat McCullough to add that information to the 'Master' list for parish contacts. Pat has already used the new information to send an email reminder about submitting requests for events that you want posted on the Parish Calendar.

Strategic Planning: Phil Ferrell reported that this subcommittee met on March 10 to develop an outline of areas of focus for Strategic Planning. Core components include: use of Web Site, Facilities, Calendar, Haiti Outreach, and Stewardship.

Parish Constitution: Liz Turpin reported that the revisions to the Parish Constitution are progressing. The document is still in draft form.

Youth Group: Jacquelyn LaValley reported:

“These are a few of the past events for Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group events. Sr. Highs Adoration and Reconciliation. The Youth leadership Council put together a youth lead night where our youth group was able to experience God through the holy sacrament, and students were given the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It was a success. 21 Jr. High students attended the JR. high rally at highline community college. Our rally hospitality team was made up of 13 Sr. high youth and 5 wonderful adults.

Some upcoming events for Sr. high are YES, a youth engaging scripture bible study. Beginning in April on Wednesday Mornings from 6:30 till 7:15 am at Lacoste Coffee house in Oakbrook. Our Youth Leadership Council will be having their spring retreat on April 18 till the 19. During this time they will be reviewing the year, reflecting on what worked and thinking of new ideas for the up coming year.

There are 21 youth enrolled in Confirmation Prep this year. Confirmation will be held on Wednesday April 23, 2008 at 7:00

For Adults Terri Nelson will be holding a workshop called Totally Wired Teens. This event will be held on Tuesday April 15, 2008. The workshop is for parents of teens and pre-teens and they will be addressing the issues of teens and technology.