

St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes

April 30, 2008

Opening prayer at 7:02 PM led by Loren Wright.

Attendees: Father Hightower, Deacon Daniel Allen, Bunnee Butterfield, Tony Adams, Liz Turpin, Beverly Wells, Phil Ferrell, Andrew Neiditz, Loren Wright, Jacquelyn LaValley, Jim Jackson (Knights of Columbus), and Debbie Raniero (Finance Council).

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes for March were distributed to Parish Council members via email. Bev Wells moved that the minutes be approved as presented, second by Tony Adams. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Hightower reported that he is working on an overview of the Parish, all of the various councils, committees, ministries to see how they fit in the overall parish organization.

Parishioners: Jim Jackson presented a sample of the Project Moses flyer that will be inserted in the Church Bulletin for the May 31 – June 1 weekend with the collection on the following weekend. Some parish council members will be assisting with the collection.

Debbie Raniero presented an overview of the current financial status for fiscal year 2007/2008 and presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 (a modest increase from \$799,100 for the current year to \$823,381 for the next fiscal year. There was concern expressed that only about 1/3 of the registered families use the contribution envelopes provided – and it was noted that this ratio has been fairly constant for many years. Motion by Loren Wright; seconded by Liz Turpin to accept the fiscal year 2008/2009 budget as presented. Motion passed.

Committee Liaison Reports:

Youth Group: 21 youth and 3 adults were confirmed on April 23, 2008. Wednesday morning meetings (6:30 – 7:15 am at Lacoste Coffee near Oakbrook) are off to a good start. Terri will be making a series of 3 youth ministry / youth protection presentations at St Francis Cabrini in May.

Faith Formation / Education Grants: Bunnee Butterfield reported that High School education grants will be awarded in June. Linda Dalton and Bunnee Butterfield are on the education grant committee.

(Parish Council) Selection Committee: on hold until May.

Stewardship Committee: Phil Ferrell and Tony Adams will be arranging for Stewardship training for Parish Council members.

Strategic Plan: Phil Ferrell presented the first draft of the Strategic Plan for St John Bosco parish for 2008 – 2012. This document / process is off to a good start.

Liturgical Commission: Bev Wells reported that there are concerns about the sound system, people not hearing when wireless microphones are in use and / or in certain areas within the church. Fr. Hightower suggested it might be time to get a review and possible update of the sound systems. The Contemporary (9:00 am) choir is still looking for someone to operate the sound board.

Work Group Reports:

The space concerns subcommittee (Kathy, Tony, and Loren) did not meet in April. The funeral ministry storage area will be used as an example of stewardship / management of assigned storage areas. This activity will occur early in May.

Communications to Committees: Loren noted that email copies of the Parish Council Meeting minutes have been well received. In contrast, the note posted in the Parish Foyer offering email copies of Parish Council meeting minutes had no responses.

Strategic Planning: Phil Ferrell will update the Strategic Plan draft based on input received in the April meeting.

Parish Constitution: Bunnee Butterfield reported that the revisions will be up for review and approval in May.

Action Items for May:

- Selection Committee (Bunnee/Kathy)
- Space Issues – Storage Management (Stewardship) example (Loren)
- Strategic Plan Update (Phil)
- Parish Constitution (Bunnee/Liz)

Next Meeting: Our next scheduled parish council meeting will be on **May 28, 2008.**

Fr Hightower led us in closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.