

## St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes

May 28, 2008

Opening prayer at 7:02 PM led by Bunnee Butterfield.

Attendees: Tony Adams, Deacon Daniel Allen, Bunnee Butterfield, Kathy Deuel, Phil Ferrell, Father Hightower, Jacquelyn LaValley, Jacob Suazo, Liz Turpin, Beverly Wells, and Loren Wright.

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

Pastor's Report: Fr. Hightower reported that he will be on retreat in a couple weeks. There is only one more breakfast scheduled with the change to summer mass schedule. The greenhouse that father has been thinking about for six years is being built by the seminarian (Chris) that is spending the summer at the rectory.

Parishioners: No parishioner issues presented

Constitution: Revisions to the Parish Council Constitution were prepared by Bunnee Butterfield and Liz Turpin. Revised text was distributed via email. Loren Wright moved that the Constitution revisions be accepted as presented; Deacon Dan Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Committee Liaison Reports:

Youth Group: The LaCosta Bible Study is expecting to continue through the summer (a little later in the morning on Wednesday). The Junior High Move up Night on May 18th went well. Other youth group events include sponsoring a dinner for 'Sensational Seniors' on May 31; Graduate Mass and Year end Barbeque on June 8th. Three new members have been selected for the Youth Leadership Council.

Faith Formation: Bunnee Butterfield reported that Brian Guillot presenting training / discussion on local political processes for the Archdiocese. Terri Nelson will be going to the Holy Land this summer with a group from Bellarmine. They are beginning to plan for next year's confirmation. It was also mentioned that parish groups might like to have a voice in the preparation of the Parish Strategic Plan.

Social Outreach: Kathy Deuel reported that the support for St Vincent de Paul has been increased to \$350 per month. The current policy of trying to focus on a single local, national, and international charity was discussed.

Stewardship Committee: There are 18 new families in the parish. The stewardship committee is considering hosting a dinner for these new families. Tony Adams will inquire about scheduling the Time and Talent Fair.

(Parish Council) Selection Committee: Fr Hightower, Tony Adams, Phil Ferrell, and Andrew Neiditz will form the selection committee for 2008. Bunnee Butterfield will distribute forms, interview questions, timelines etc. via email. The selection process will begin in September with requests for people interested in serving on the parish council.

Space Issues: Kathy Deuel reported that she and Barb Dalton will be meeting with Fr Hightower in June to continue on the administrative space needs issues. Loren Wright presented before and after pictures of the Funeral Ministries storage area. This will be communicated with email, poster board, and bulletin insert to encourage groups to apply stewardship principles to the management of space allocated for their use.

Liturgical Commission: Bev Wells reported that there are no new activities planned for over the summer. Fr Hightower expressed concern about the concerns about the large decline in faith formation students after first communion. The example cited was a recent group of 18 for first communion had only 4 continue with faith formation studies the following year. There was some discussion about the current schedule for Faith Formation and other schedules that have been used. Bunnee Butterfield will suggest to Dick Brennan that Faith Formation discuss this issue.

Strategic Planning: Phil Ferrell presented a page of questions (to be addressed by the strategic plan) in the areas of Stewardship, Facilities, and Haiti (Social Outreach). He will meet with Bob Miller, Jim Skinner, and Fr Hightower to address these concerns. Fr Hightower proposed that we think about "What is the purpose of a Catholic Parish?" and try to determine how the various commissions, committees, and groups fit together to fulfill that purpose.

Action Items for June:

    "What is the purpose of a Catholic Parish?"

Selection Committee (Bunnee) – Timeline for Selection Process

Space Issues – (Kathy) Space planning with consultant; (Loren) communicate s Storage Management (Stewardship) example

Next Meeting: Our next scheduled parish council meeting will be on June 25, 2008. There will be no Parish Council Meeting in July; the Parish Council Picnic will be on Sunday August 24, 2008.

Fr Hightower led us in closing prayer; the meeting was adjourned at 8:12.

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Loren Wright