

**St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes
September 24, 2008**

Opening prayer at 7:02 PM led by Phil Ferrell.

Attendees: Tony Adams, Bunnee Butterfield, Kathy Deuel, Phil Ferrell, Father Hightower, Jackie LaValley, Ashleigh Nelson, Beverly Wells, and Loren Wright.

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

Pastor's Report: Fr. Hightower reported that there is a problem with the sprinkler system at the East end of the church; the hedge that is there will be removed to facilitate the repair – this could cost as much as \$10,000 if the sidewalk needs to be broken up also. Wireless microphones are not working properly. Income from donations seems to have decreased some from last year. Loni Rycroft is no longer directing the Traditional Choir; in the interim, Sigried Elliot is providing guidance.

Mission Statements: A mission statement (proposed by Kathy and Bunnee) was discussed via email over the summer and during the meeting. The latest version is "St. John Bosco is a diverse community which worships, educates and serves as Christian stewards of our Roman Catholic faith. We strive for wholeness of mind, body and spirit".

(Parish Council) Selection Committee: Tony Adams reported that the time line for this years' selection process is complete. There will be bulletin inserts on September 28 and October 5 with Parish Council members making a verbal appeal at all masses on October 4 and 5 (Loren on October 4, Andrew at Immaculate Conception, Phil Ferrell at 9:00 am, and Tony at 11:00 am).

Stewardship: Tony Adams, presented a working draft of the Stewardship Committee 5 year business plan. The draft document was sent to the members of the Stewardship Committee for their review and comment. After Father Hightower approves the business plan, it will be presented to the Parish Council for endorsement.

Youth Group: Ashleigh Nelson is replacing Jacob Suazo on the Parish Council. Jr High youth group resumed on September 13; Sr High on September 21. A girls retreat is planned to focus on self-esteem and peer relationships. A boys retreat is also being considered. The Young Adult monthly dinner was held on September 19 at Farrelli's Pizza in DuPont; the discussion topic was "How do you define Faith? How do you define Religion? And What will the church look like in 20 years?". There will be a Solidarity Retreat on October 3 and 4 where the youth will spend Friday evening learning about the faces of poverty and homelessness, sleeping outside of the church in a cardboard 'tent' city. On Saturday they will work in the meditation park and church grounds and help with the K of C spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening to show their solidarity with the parish. Wednesday morning bible study at LaCoste Coffee is getting deeper in to the Sunday readings.

Strategic Plan: Phil Ferrell reported his contact with George Kovich and the explanation of what Social Outreach is currently participating in. We agreed we need to formalize a contribution program such as an endowment to establish an ongoing program.

Phil also talked about the facilities information received from Bill Anderson. The discussion went on to the Parish Building Committee chaired by Rumina Suafoa. For oversight of the Administrative Space Remodel project the Building Committee will expand to include: Fr. Hightower, Kathy Deuel, Bill Anderson, Jim Skinner, Debbie Pedraza, and Rumina Suafoa. Fr. Hightower will contact each of the prospective members.

Succession Planning: Phil Ferrell requested that the outgoing Chair and Co Chair put something together with names, activities, etc. for the next officers to be able to use to help facilitate the transition. Tony suggested we have these positions staggered to have continuity in the council (Council Chair would be a 3rd year council member with the Vice Chair selected from 2nd year council members).

Faith Formation: Bunnee Butterfield will not be available for the October Faith Formation meeting. Loren Wright volunteered to replace Bunnee as the liaison between the Parish Council and Faith Formation Commission.

Space Issues: Loren Wright reported that the Archdiocese has approved our request to proceed with plans to remodel the administrative space. He met with the Finance Council and they have concurred that the remodeling costs can be paid from the Parish Revolving Fund (savings account). He will turn over the information he has to Rumina Suafoa, Building Committee Chair, so that committee can take over management of the project.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Kathy Deuel proposed that Parish Council Meeting minutes be approved via email (second by Fr Hightower). Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items Next Meeting:

Succession Planning – transfer of information to new Parish Council Officers.

Next Meeting: Our next scheduled parish council meeting will be on October 22, 2008. Loren Wright led us in closing prayer; the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.