

**St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes**  
**December 3, 2008**

Opening prayer at 7:02 led by Tony Adams.

**Attendees:** Tony Adams, Phil Ferrell, Father Hightower, Paul McNeil, Rafael Ojeda, Paul Stabbert, Liz Turpin, Beverly Wells, and Loren Wright.

**Meeting Minutes:** Meeting Minutes for October were distributed to Parish Council members via email. Bev Wells proposed that the minutes be approved; Phil Ferrell seconded; motion passed.

**Welcome:** Paul McNeil, Rafael Ojeda, and Paul Stabbert were welcomed to the Parish Council. They received new (blue) binders filled with background information. We spent several minutes with informal introductions of all Parish Council members present.

**Pastor's Report:** Repairs on the rectory roof and other damage has started. In January we expect to have a new seminarian move in to the rectory.

**Youth Group:** No Report

**Faith Formation:** Loren Wright reported that there was a concern expressed at the November Faith Formation meeting about the Mission Statement approved by the Parish Council in October. (The previous Mission Statement has been developed with input from several groups in the Parish over a period of several years). The concern was over the word 'educates'. The issue was discussed. The consensus of the meeting was that the term catechesis was too narrow; did not include other community outreach activities. It was noted that catechesis would be appropriate for the Faith Formation Mission Statement.

**Liturgical Commission:** Bev Wells reported that a piano had been donated. It had been in someone's basement. The piano was in need of significant cleaning and repair. There was no clear plan for how the piano would be used or where it would be stored. Bev Wells moved that the piano should be disposed (not accepted); Phil Ferrell seconded; Motion passed.

**Social Outreach:** Paul McNeil reported that Social Outreach recently distributed \$6,000 of their allocated funds.

**Finance Council:** Paul Stabbert is on the Finance Council; he will replace Liz Turpin as liaison between the Parish Council and Finance Council.

**Annual Feast of St John Bosco International Potluck:** Scheduled for Saturday January 31, 2009. Tony Adams, Bev Wells, and Phil Ferrell will take leadership in organizing this event.

**Parish Council 2009 Work Plan:** Tony Adams led the discussion of possible points of emphasis for next year. Priorities included: 1) Encouraging the various councils and commissions to prepare a Mission Statement and Strategic Plan if they have not already done so. 2) Schedule a 'Spring Cleaning' event for April 19 and / or April 26 for volunteers to help with outside grounds clean up and for groups to inventory and manage the storage space(s) allotted to them inside of the building. Loren Wright will lead up this effort. And 3) encourage the Building / Facilities commission to be less invisible (items that should be going directly to them tend to get routed through the Parish Council).

**Strategic Plan:** Phil Ferrell reported that the five major elements of the plan have been defined (1. Hiring and Performance Guidelines for Employees; 2) Parish News – Web Site enhancements; 3) Facilities Plan; 4) Stewardship Plan; and 5) Haiti Outreach). Paul McNeil will work with Phil on the Strategic Plan.

**Facilities / Building Issues:** Father Hightower reported that the sprinkler repair estimate is now at \$1400; rectory repairs are underway; and an architect has been engaged to work on the Administrative Space remodel. It was noted that we know of one parishioner in the construction business (Ed Brooks – Sunset Pacific). There may be others that could provide useful input to this process.

**Action Items for Next Meeting:**

Feast of St John Bosco; facilities/repairs update; Spring Cleaning event.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2009**

Phil Ferrell led us in closing prayer.