

**St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes**  
**September 23, 2009**

Opening prayer at 7:02 led by Bev Wells.

**Attendees:** Tony Adams, Deacon Dan Allen, Phil Ferrell, Fr. Hightower, Andrew Neiditz, Rafael Ojeda, Paul Stabbert Liz Turpin, Bev Wells, and Loren Wright.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Bev Wells; seconded by Phil Ferrell: "To approve meeting minutes for May 2009 meeting as presented." Motion passed.

**Guests/Visitors:**

Loni Rycroft visited the Parish Council to explain a need for a back-up organist and choir director. She did check with the Archdiocese and discovered that there is no defined pay scale for choir directors or other musicians (financial compensation for musicians is a decision of the individual parishes). Loni was advised that funds were in the budget to pay for an organist. There will be announcements by Fr Hightower to ask for back-up support for the choir directors.

**Pastor's Report:** The Archdiocese is implementing a CATHOLICS COME HOME advertising program in 2010 to encourage folks to return to the church. At the Parish level we need to make the folks returning feel welcomed and help to get them involved beyond regular mass attendance. Initiative 71 to rescind the 'everything but marriage' law passed last year is supported by the Archdiocese. There is ongoing discussion about funerals for Catholics that opt for the recently legalized doctor-assisted suicide.

**Youth Group:** Loren Wright reported that Jackie LaValley has graduated from High School, enrolled at St Martin's and no longer a member of the Parish Council. Youth Group was at the Puyallup Fair this evening. Ashleigh Nelson and/or a new Youth Group representative should be at the October Parish Council Meeting.

**Faith Formation:** Loren Wright reported that he attended the Faith Formation Commission meeting on September 9, 2009. The class schedule for 2009 – 2010 has been established. We also got a tour of the remodeled administrative space. SJB staff seemed to be pleased with the new offices.

**Liturgical Commission:** Bev Wells reported that she attended the Liturgy Commission meeting on September 2, 2009. They discussed the start up of CCD (Faith Formation), the time and talent fair coming up in November, and the need for back-up organist.

**Faith Formation:** Loren Wright reported that he missed the Faith Formation commission meeting in May. There was general discussion within the parish council about trying to improve participation in Religious Education. This will be brought to the June Faith Formation Commission meeting with a request that Religious Education should not directly conflict or compete with Mass.

**Stewardship Committee:** Tony Adams reported that there will be a Newcomers Dinner on September 26. Members of the Stewardship Committee will attend a training session in Seattle on May 28 and a 'Time and Talent Fair' on November 14 and 15. Tony Adams, Bev Wells, and Deacon Dan Allen will work on a table representing the Parish Council at the Time and Talent Fair. It was noted that people who do sign up at the Time and Talent Fair should be contacted within a few days to confirm their interest.

**-Finance Council:** Paul Stabbert distributed copies of the September 16 Finance Council Meeting minutes. The 2008/2009 budget objectives were met.

Deacon Dan Allen led us in closing prayer at 8:16 p.m.