

St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes
January 28, 2009

Opening prayer at 7:06 led by Andrew Neiditz.

Attendees: Tony Adams, Deacon Dan Allen, Phil Ferrell, Father Hightower, Jackie LaValley, Andrew Neiditz, Rafael Ojeda, Paul Stabbert, Beverly Wells, and Loren Wright.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes for December were distributed to Parish Council members via email. Rafael Ojeda proposed that the minutes be approved; Bev Wells seconded; motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Collin Parrish is the new seminarian that has moved in to the rectory. Repairs at the rectory have been completed. The sprinkler system problem was fixed for substantially less than the \$10,000 early estimate. Three plans for the administrative space remodel will be submitted for bids.

Youth Group: Jackie LaValley reported that youth group is going well. A few nights were cancelled due to snow but they are still having the bible study Wednesday mornings; at Lacoste, 6:30 am. Even with the snow, the Christmas Giving Tree was successful. 51 families and 172 children/teens received food and gifts. The food delivery in Skagit valley was on January 3rd, we delivered food, clothing, and blankets to migrant families. Confirmation Preparation began on January 4th 2009. Thirteen youth are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. The retreat for the Confirmation went very well (January 15 – 17). Preparation for the Junior High Rally on March 14 has begun.

Faith Formation: Loren Wright reported that the Faith Formation commission is working on their budget needs for next year.

Liturgical Commission: Bev Wells reported that the next Liturgical Commission meeting will be on February 4, 2009.

Social Outreach: No report.

Strategic Plan update: Tony Adams reported that an open discussion round table meeting with the 5 major commissions has been proposed.

Stewardship 5 Year Plan: See Stewardship Commission notes above.

Parish Council Budget: This topic needs to be on our February meeting agenda.

Facilities/Repairs Update: See Pastor's remarks above. Deacon Dan Allen suggested that there be a focus on grounds clean-up on Fridays to have the facility ready for the week end.

Spring Cleaning Event: Loren Wright presented a tentative invitation to be sent to all of the various groups in the Parish for participation in a Spring Cleaning event on Saturday, April 18. It was suggested that groups should be encouraged to do some housekeeping with their allocated storage space during Lent. Loren will coordinate with Paul Mernaugh to see if we can have an outside clean-up event on April 18..

Parish Council Strategic Plan: No progress to report per Phil Ferrell.

Feast of St John Bosco: International Potluck theme was announced in last Sunday's bulletin. Bev Wells asked Parish Council members to show up at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 31, to help with decorations and set up.

General Budget Concerns Discussion: The archdiocese has proposed a freeze on payroll in the current economic climate. Year to date contributions are comparable to last year at this time. Concern was expressed about the

amount of Parish funds in savings with no intended purpose. Motion by Bev Wells to “provide \$1,000.00 per month to the school we are supporting in Haiti”, seconded by Paul Stabbert. Motion was passed. This proposal will be passed on to Social Outreach and the Finance Commission.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Deacon Dan Allen led us in closing prayer at 8:32 pm..