

**St John Bosco Parish Council Minutes**  
**January 27, 2010**

**Attendees:** Phil Ferrell, Judy Galbraith, Tom Hili, Mike Jameson, Fr. Hightower, Paul McNeil, Raphael Ojeda, Bev Wells, and Loren Wright.

Opening prayer at 7:07 led by Bev Wells.

**Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Paul McNeil; seconded by Tom Hili: "To approve meeting minutes for the December 2009 meeting as presented." Motion passed.

**Guests/Visitors:** Bunnee Butterfield and Jim Skinner from the Finance Council. The budget cycle for 2010 – 2011 is about to start. The freeze on staff pay for the 2009 – 2010 budget cycle has not been renewed by the archdiocese. The 2009-2010 budget is on track. For 2010-2011 the request will be to hold the line or reduce spending from this year's levels. It was noted that fund raising events on Parish Grounds can only be for parish causes; not for outside issues. Several concerns were expressed about facilities issues and planning. A proposed Facilities Project Management form was provided.

**Facilities Commission:** Loren Wright reported that a Facilities / Planning Commission has been started; chaired by Rumina Suafoa. They are reviewing the 2009 -2010 budget and will be helping with the 2010 – 2011 facilities budget request. They will be meeting at 6:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Phil Ferrell and Loren will be working with this commission.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Hightower reported that Father LeDoux will be helping with some of the masses. He was very grateful for the support for his family during their recent loss.

**Faith Community Bulding:** No Report.

**Faith Formation:** Loren Wright reported that the Faith Formation Commission met on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Brian is working with Pierce County on Emergency Preparedness noting that there are no Emergency Plans for our Facilities. Father Hightower noted that we do intend to have a fire drill in the near future; after communion. There will be an arts and crafts event for Faith Formation students and their families on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Liturgical Commission:** Bev Wells reported that the Liturgy Commission was wondering why an Easter banner was used as part of the Christmas decorations and suggested ordering a shorter tree in 2010.

**Lenten Soup Kitchen:** Bev Wells reported that the Parish Council will be teaming with the Legion of Mary for Soup Kitchen on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Feast of St John Bosco:** Loren reported that there was an insert in the bulletin last weekend. Fr Hightower requested that we set up two serving tables. Loren will be purchasing floral centerpieces from Beds of Roses for this event.

**Stewardship Committee:** Mike Jameson reported that the Stewardship Committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The First Friday Adoration is going well. There are 24 new families registered with the parish. They will be hosting a dinner for them after Easter.

**-Finance Council:** No Report.

**Social Outreach:** Paul McNeil reported that this quarter's \$5,000.00 allocation for Social Outreach will be going toward disaster relief in Haiti. It was noted that the school that we support in Haiti is outside of the City of Port au Prince and was not severely damaged.

**-Youth Group:** No Report.

**Action Items:**

**Sound System:** The induction loop was installed before Christmas and it is helping for parishioners that use hearing aids.

**Next Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be on February 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Nursery.

Loren Wright led us in closing prayer at 8:26 pm.

**Fire Alarm System:** After the Parish Council meeting Phil Ferrell gave us an overview of the new system and the actions required to reset the system. It was noted that the system installer still needs to provide training and or documentation to the parish staff.