

St. Francis Parish Council Meeting  
Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
7:00 p.m., Brunsmann Hall

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Fairbairn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul LeBoeuf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr. Anthony
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cecelia Fisher-Dahms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Marks	

Persons in Attendance:

16 SF school parents, 8 members of the School Advisory Council (SAC), 7 members of the Discernment Committee (3 of whom are also on the SAC), and 1 Finance Committee member (Rich)

1. Welcome and Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Judy Robinson.
2. Prayer led by Cecelia Fisher-Dahms.
3. Review of Agenda & Approval of February Minutes  
Minutes were moved, seconded and approved. Cecelia volunteered to take minutes.
4. Parishioners Input: none
5. Pastor's Report, Action Items, and any other PC business: waived
6. Joint meeting of the Parish Council, Discernment Committee, and the School Advisory Council  
This section of the meeting was facilitated by Kathleen Marie, who was the Discernment Committee mediator, and began at 7:12. Agendas were distributed.
  - a. What: Kay Skonieczny, staff, set the tone, describing the work of the Discernment Committee as the coming together of a diverse group for a common goal, common ground, and common good. The Committee addressed the process to bring the school back on SF campus, shared values and benefits, and went beyond self in identifying the needs of the group, school, and parish.
  - b. Why: Fr. Anthony provided an historical background of the relationship between the school and parish, noting that there had been a failure to communicate. Improved relations began with Fr. Ken and mostly recently with the new principal. He also pointed out that there are many doors into the SF community/experience and that everyone here contributes to that experience.
  - c. How: Kathleen explored how to create an inclusive covenant and address the repair costs. Fr. Anthony pointed out that the school is self-sustaining with the parish providing \$10,000 a year for scholarships. The cost for the necessary building repair (\$115,000) could be identified as an extraordinary expense to be covered by the entire parish. The Discernment Committee recommends using parish funds and replenishing them. Principal Laurie Powers noted that the school has been saving for the building fund. An extended discussion followed with many suggestions being made, which include:
    - i. Working together on:

1. Facilities planning needs between the School Facilities Committee and the parish buildings and grounds staff/committee
  2. Joint Fundraisers or activities, common events with a common goal, e.g., Parish Crab Feed and Parish Picnic
  3. Joint PC and SAC meetings periodically, e.g., August to set common goals
  - ii. Raising consciousness about each other:
    1. School with the parish, e.g., 1 mass/month with school children present, blessing of teachers and catechists the weekend before school begins
    2. Parish with the School, e.g., inform families of parish programs, activities, liturgies
  - iii. Build on what is working; e.g., joint sacramental preparation
  - iv. "Wall-unveiling" Common event
  - d. Action Steps:
    - i. Kathleen to e-mail to group in attendance
    - ii. Task Group to plan for school welcome back identified
    - iii. Check where church and school can connect, e.g., section of the bulletin to share what's happening in the school, more parishioners who are school parents on the PC, set up common fund raising plan over a year
    - iv. Create a combined capital projects list
    - v. Ken will be in touch with the school & SAC regarding short- and long-term goals as part of the PC five-year strategic plan
  - e. Recommendations:
    - i. Notes back to the Discernment Committee who will make recommendations to the SAC and PC
    - ii. Think of how to spread the vision, to communicate this shared vision with the rest of the community and the parish.
7. All joined in a Closing Prayer of the Our Father.

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