

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
JAN. 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: Cathy Chenu-Campbell, Shaaron Gilson, Richard Hernandez, Christine Morse Galves, Rosalie Rashid, Bob Reid, Steve Tholcke, Janet Vitt, Fr. Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Richard led the prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last month were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Christmas went well, both in attendance and in collections. The parish was able to provide hotel housing for 25 Steps' guests on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Fr. Anthony is continuing to work on the liturgical changes requested by the Bishop based on his visit to the parish last August.

The letter from Fr. Anthony regarding the settlement for payment to the Diocese has been sent home. It is important to note that the Poverello fund locks the money paid to the Diocese into an endowment fund that CANNOT be used for any purpose except social service programs. Steve mentioned that the foundation which will manage this fund is open to suggestions about particular programs to fund, and would consider adding a St. Francis parishioner to their Board.

There was some flooding in the school during the storms, but no other damage.

CENTENNIAL BOOK

The book publisher Robert Breckke and photographer, J.D. Warrick attended the meeting to discuss plans for the Centennial book.

The first photo shoot took place on Christmas Eve; there will be additional shoots through this spring (Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Pentecost, etc.) Council suggested that an announcement be made at the beginning of each service that is being photographed, and that there also be a blurb in the bulletin for each event that is being photographed. This should cover any issues about notification and should generate excitement for the finished book.

The Centennial Committee and Communications Committee will be developing the plan to market and sell the book (hopefully, many copies can be pre-sold). The book will be available by the beginning of the Centennial celebration in Oct. 08.

Council M/S/A a tentative budget of \$42,000 for the book. This budget would give us 1,000 copies of the book; the cost would be covered by the sale of the books (tentatively set at \$50 each).

Council asked Fr. Anthony to send a copy of the shot list for the book to the Centennial Committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

David Sundquist has submitted his resignation from the Council. It was M/S/A to accept his resignation and to send a letter of thanks for David's years of service on the Council.

A person has expressed interest in filling out the remainder of David's term (it runs through this spring). Steve pointed out that members should be thinking about potential candidates for the Council elections in May.

MEET & GREET

Steve checked the schedule for this weekend. It is important to just listen to parishioners, particularly if they want to express their frustration about the settlement with the Diocese.

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Campaign Ad Hoc Committee – Linda is working with staff to identify rough costs for the projects that have been identified. The next steps will be to finalize the list, prioritize the projects, and then design the actual campaign (phases, activities, etc.) The Campaign will be ready to kick off in conjunction with the beginning of the Centennial celebration in Oct. 08.

The Finance Council has not met, so there is no financial report.

Shaaron cannot continue as the Council Liaison to the School Advisory Commission due to health issues. Eloise Anderson will be asked to attend the meetings as she is also a Council Liaison to the School Board.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Look at 'process' used during discussions at meetings, to ensure that a 'correct' answer isn't presumed in the discussion and to be sure that there is broad input during the discussion.

Review the by-laws regarding term limits and the way that terms for Council members are staggered to ensure that there is sufficient continuity on the Council.

Plan for future dates for the joint Council/Staff meetings that we agreed would be held twice a year. Look at who will be responsible for organizing, deciding topics to be covered, etc.

Review the letter from Tom McNamara to Fr. Anthony.

CLOSING PRAYER

Richard led the closing prayer; Janet volunteered to lead prayer next month.

NEXT MEETING

Feb. 12, 2008, 7 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 24 & 25 SFP 101 (Sunday, 2/24 at 11 am; Monday, 2/25 at 7 pm)

Mar 3-6 Lenten Retreat (each evening)

May 4 Volunteer appreciation dinner

May 18 & 19 SFP 101 (Sunday at 11 am; Monday at 7 pm)
Aug. 3 & 4 SFP 101 (Sunday at 11 am; Monday at 7 pm)
Oct. 4 08 Centennial celebrations begin