

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
JAN. 13, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: John Brozek, Cathy Chenu-Campbell, Cecilia Fisher-Dahms, Shaaron Gilson, Richard Hernandez, Dick Jaco, Scott Olling, Bob Reid, Judy Robinson, Steve Tholcke, Fr. Anthony

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Richard led the prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from last month were approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

Fr. Anthony reported on the Franciscans' recent chapter meeting. Fr. John Hardin was elected as the new provincial; Fr. Ken Laverone is his new assistant provincial. A number of other friars were elected to offices – the elections may result in some of the friars moving and/or leaving their current ministry positions.

Fr. Anthony noted that a student was expelled from the school for threatening behavior.

A section of the painted canvas is coming down from the ceiling of the church. A conservator from Crocker is coming to assess the situation.

**UPDATE ON THE FRIARY WIRING**

Steve made a presentation regarding the problems with the wiring in the friary building. In December, the power to the building failed. An electrical contractor discovered that the entire building had only a 60 amp supply, that the circuit breakers for the building had been bypassed at the panel, and that the building was completely ungrounded. It is very fortunate that the building never caught on fire! Temporary emergency repairs have been done to make the building safe, and the friars moved back in.

Two bids have been received for the work that is needed to accomplish permanent repairs. These bids are between \$160,000 and \$165,000; a third bid is being sought. The province has made a gift of \$20,000 towards the cost of repairs, and will also provide a \$30,000 loan at no interest. Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 has been donated for the project, and \$20,000 from the Buildings and Grounds fund will be used. We will need to take a loan out from the diocese (at 6% interest) for the remainder of the money that is needed. While we don't want to take out a loan that is larger than necessary, some added funds should be sought to cover all contingencies. At project completion we will pre-pay any unneeded funds back to the Diocese immediately. Council also asked that the contractor provide some level of warranty on all work done as part of this project.

Council M/S/A a statement of support for Fr. Anthony to proceed with a loan request to the Diocese to complete the electrical work in the friary (approximate amount of the loan will be \$90,000)



## **REPORTS**

Finance Council – John reported that our collection is currently holding steady and meeting the level projected in the budget. Finance Council will do a mid-year review of revenues and expenditures which John will convey to the Parish Council. Christmas collections were up compared to last year.

Communications – the next Mass Appeal issue should be finished in late January.

School Board – the school will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week in late January; there will be an open house and alumni reception after the 5:15 mass on Jan. 24, and the school choir will sing for mass.

Welcoming Committee – the next SFP 101 is on Feb. 8 after the noon mass. Council members should plan to attend (if possible); food donations are also needed. There will be a list of new parishioners to phone (a script will be provided for the calls). A copy of the final welcoming brochure was passed around during the meeting; there are available in the racks at the back of the church.

## **CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

A celebration dinner/dance is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21. The reservation form has been distributed in the bulletin and is posted on the web site.

Book sales are continuing; 447 copies have been paid for to date. The book will be sold at a variety of school events as well as at upcoming church events. The marketing group is continuing to brainstorm additional ideas for book sales.

There are still some quilts that will be raffled off at future events.

The history of the church that was written for the Centennial is being published on the web site – take a look because it is interesting and informative reading!

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

The new mass schedule seemed to work well. The Christmas Eve masses (4, 6, 8, and midnight) were all full. The family mass (shifted to 4:00 this year) was extremely crowded, but it was a smaller (and more manageable) number than last year. Having a single mass on Christmas morning was sufficient to handle the number of people who attended.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting closed with prayer; Judy volunteered to lead prayer next month.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Feb. 10, 2009, 7 pm

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan. 24	Centennial School Alumni Mass and Open House (after 5:15pm Mass)
Feb. 7/8	Meet and greet after all Masses
Feb. 8	SFP 101
Feb. 21	Centennial Dinner Dance (Dante Club)
Mar. 7/8	Meet and greet after all Masses