

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
MAR. 11, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: Eloise Anderson, Vickie Bailey, Cathy Chenu-Campbell, Shaaron Gilson, Judy Guardalabene, Richard Hernandez, Linda Johnston-Panattoni, Christine Morse Galves, Scott Olling, Dennis Philippart, Rosalie Rashid, Bob Reid, Steve Tholcke, Janet Vitt, Fr. Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Judy led the prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last month were approved.

SCHOOL REPORT

School staff and parents presented information on the school's scrip sales program. Gift cards are available from a wide variety of stores; they sell for face value. The school will be selling once a month, and the goal is to sell on a consistent weekend each month (starting in May, they probably will sell the last weekend of each month). As a suggestion, they may want to sell at the side door and in Brunsman Hall as well as in front of the church. The sales will be announced in the bulletin and at the end of Mass.

The school will be hosting the Feria event on 4/26/08. This is a fundraising evening with tapas, wine tasting and auctions. More information is available at www.feria.sacramento.com.

In general, the school is looking for opportunities to be involved in parish life; please let the principal know if you have ideas or suggestions.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Anthony provided a written report prior to the Council meeting.

Fr. Anthony is looking for input on the schedule for Christmas Eve Masses. The concern is that the 5:15 Mass was very crowded. After a lengthy discussion, the Council M/S/A a task force to consider options – Janet will chair this group. There was a suggestion that we solicit input on this topic (from parents registered in the Faith Formation program, on the Parish web site, and at next month's Meet and Greet)

Fr. Anthony is also looking for ideas on how to respond to parishioners who may be struggling financially, especially as a result of the mortgage crisis. After discussion, Council M/S/A the creation of an informational packet listing available resources. The packet could be made available by staff to parishioners with financial problems. Richard and Vickie will take the lead on this project. This could be the first step towards other programs if it turns out that there are substantial needs in this area.

FOLLOW UP ON OLD BUSINESS

Capital Campaign Ad Hoc Committee – Linda is finalizing costs for the projects that have been identified. Contractors have been contacted to help provide cost estimates. A list should be ready for the May Council meeting, with a suggested prioritization for the Council to review. The Campaign will be ready for public kick off in Oct. 08.

Mediation Committee report – The Committee has completed their draft proposal. The focus of this effort is to create a process that can be used to reduce tension & encourage compromise, and that will be used routinely. It ensures timely feedback & a live person to talk with; it has a built in process to record all decisions so it would be easy to see any pattern of problems. Council M/S/A the adoption of this process. Christine, Vickie and Eloise are willing to serve as the members for this process.

Communications Committee – The Mass Appeal issue should be ready late March.

SFP 101 – There were only four attendees at the Monday night SFP 101 session; staff would like to continue the evening session to see whether it meets a need. A suggestion was made to reconsider the sequence of events at the 101 sessions, and to have people introduce themselves at the beginning of the session.

Finance Council – written report distributed. The collection is down 1.6% from what was budgeted (although it is up 3.4% net over the previous year). Budget development for 08/09 has begun.

By-laws Committee – The committee presented a proposal to change the staggered terms of Council members so that only one third of members would be leaving the Council in any one year (instead of half, as the current bylaws provide). The Council M/S/A all of the proposed language changes to accomplish the movement to a 15 person Council with one third of the members up for election in any year. A decision was made to extend the terms of some of the Council members that currently would expire in 2009 to accomplish this shift. Tentatively, Richard, Judy, Christine, Vickie, Eloise & Linda all volunteered to stay on the Council through 2010 instead of 2009. (Note: in checking records, it appears that Eloise's term ends in 2008 instead of 2009, so she would not be eligible for this extension.)

NEW BUSINESS

Meet and Greet – will move this back to the first weekend of each month.

Coffee and donuts – discussion postponed until the next meeting.

Parking – Vickie observed that people are still parking in 'no parking' areas; Fr. Anthony will be sure that the school security guards enforce the parking restrictions.

CLOSING PRAYER

Judy led the closing prayer; Rosalie volunteered to lead prayer next month.

NEXT MEETING

Apr. 8, 2008, 7 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 26 Feria (school fundraising evening)

May 4 Volunteer appreciation dinner
May 13 Parish Council meeting
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 celebration begins