

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 12, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: Eloise Anderson, Cathy Chenu-Campbell, Bernie Evangelista, Cecilia Fisher-Dahms, Shaaron Gilson, Richard Hernandez, Christine Morse Galves, Scott Olling, Bob Reid, Judy Robinson, Steve Tholcke, Janet Vitt, Fr. Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Janet led the prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last month were approved.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SFP 101 will be held on June 7, after the Noon Mass (about 1:15 or 1:30 pm)

The Centennial Parish picnic will be held Sunday, Oct. 4. Richard will chair the event.

Richard announced he would not be candidate for leadership position of council and was resigning from council effective 6/30/2009.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Anthony provided an update about the friary wiring. Schematics are complete – copies have been sent to the Diocese, to the Provincial archives, and will be kept in our safe (so that they can be found and used for future projects). Project went out to bid, and estimates that have come back are much lower than first expected. The project could be funded with the donations received, plus the gift and loan from the Friars – the Diocesan loan money could be returned. The first company has come forward to claim that their initial proposal was actually a contract; a reply will be sent to them refuting that claim.

The school will be losing 15 students (not returning in fall because of economic constraints). The school budget is being reworked to come into line with this decreased revenue.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2009/2010 budget which was presented by Finance Council Chair Rich Csappos. He distributed two reports – a budget overview sheet, and then a detailed budget report.

The following are among the key points in the 09/10 budget that Rich clarified:

- ❖ The proposed 09/10 budget would result in a \$12,000 shortfall at the end of next year. However, it is expected that the shortfall would be offset with cash that will be carried over into the 09/10 budget year from this year.
- ❖ The proposed 09/10 budget does not include a provision to hire a youth minister.
- ❖ The proposed 09/10 budget is based on the assumption that collections will stabilize at this year's level, which is about 5-6% below last year's level.
- ❖ The Buildings & Grounds fund is completely separate from the general fund. The B&G fund contains appx. \$180,000 currently (\$30,000 donated for the wiring project, \$50,000 in loan & gift for that project, and \$100,000 that could be used to begin making other needed repairs)

After discussion, Council M/S/A a resolution asking that the Finance Council re-consider the pricing structure for all fee-based Parish services (particularly prices for weddings). A proposal will be returned to the Council for discussion and approval.

Council then M/S/A a resolution to support the proposed 09/10 budget.

REPORTS

Communications – Scott is the new committee chair. The committee will assist Judy in marketing the Centennial book, and has started work on the next issue of Mass Appeal.

School liaison – the recent Feria celebration raised appx. \$32,000 for the school. A variety of other events are being held (Eloise can provide details), including 8th grade graduation on May 29. There will be 30 new families with students beginning class in the fall.

Mediation – panhandling activity has dropped significantly.

Welcoming Committee – details to come for the upcoming SFP 101.

Buildings and Grounds – there is an upcoming project to paint in the Parish Center (the GLBT group is sponsoring this event). Work is continuing to gather a list of high priority (health and safety) improvements that need to be done.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Book sales are continuing; about 140 copies have been sold already during the May “sale special”. Tours of the church continue on Sunday afternoons; the docents have now committed to continuing these tours beyond the end of the centennial year in October. A new brochure has been prepared for use with the tours.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

It looks as if there will be eight candidates running; thank you to all who recruited candidates. Volunteers are needed to help with voting, after each Mass on the election weekend. In addition, volunteers are needed to help with vote counting – this will probably take place right after the reception for Frs. Franklin and Chuck. Please contact Bob or Richard to help out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council M/S/A the letter of resignation from Vicki Bailey. This seat will be filled during the regular Council election at the end of May.

CLOSING PRAYER

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

NEXT MEETING

June 9, 2009, 7 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 30/31	Parish Council elections after all Masses
May 31	Farewell reception for Fr. Chuck & Fr. Franklin (after Noon Mass)
June 7/8	Meet and greet before/after all Masses
June 7	SFP 101 (after Noon Mass)
June 9	Parish Council meeting
July 4/5	Meet and greet before/after all Masses
July 7	Parish Council meeting

July 12

Centennial Choir concert (7-9 pm)