

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: Vicki Bailey, Cathy Chenu-Campbell, Shaaron Gilson, Judy Guardalabene, Richard Hernandez, Linda Johnson-Panattoni, Christine Morse Galves, Rosalie Rashid, Bob Reid, Steve Tholcke, Janet Vitt, Fr. Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Christine led the prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last month were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Anthony would like to move forward with a broad effort on Parish Stewardship. From the staff, Sr. Peggy, Fran, and Jackie would be involved. From the Council, Judy has volunteered.

One candidate for the Youth Minister position has withdrawn her application, but another candidate has now applied.

Work is proceeding on the lighting controller in the church. Lofing (the company that did the original installation) will be doing the work; total cost is about \$26,000. Funding will come from the Building Fund, which will be re-paid with money raised in the Capital campaign.

Handouts were distributed showing the results from the recent Council elections. The newly elected members are: Eloise Anderson, Cecilia Fisher-Dahms, Shaaron Gilson, Richard Jayco, and Judy Robinson.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTION

Sr. Peggy led a process to identify the gifts needed to effectively minister in each of the offices, and to then nominate and elect the officers.

The officers for the 2008/09 year are: Chair – Richard Hernandez; Vice-chair – Christine Morse Galves; Secretary – Cathy Chenu-Campbell

BUDGET APPROVAL

Fr. Anthony presented the budget proposal. This proposal includes an appeal for additional donations (separate from the appeal that will be made in the Capital Campaign), and Fr. Anthony also wants to move forward now with the stewardship discussion. The proposal also includes a movement towards nominal fees for all programs and activities.

In discussion, Council clarified that the current version of the proposed budget includes the COLA for staff and that the Youth Ministry position is funded. A question was also asked about whether this version includes the funding that the Council approved for ecumenical activities – Fr. Anthony is not sure.

Council M/S/A adoption of the proposed budget with the provision that funding be included for the ecumenical activities as previously approved.

FOLLOW UP ON OLD BUSINESS

Centennial Committee report – there are about 60 people who have volunteered to go through training to become docents. The committee decided to not hold a BBQ, but instead to have receptions after each Mass on the weekend of the Centennial kick-off. There will be a closing dinner (with a Muslim congregation) at the end of the year. A publicity coordinator and a sales coordinator have both been identified.

Other reports were deferred until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Jean Iacino came to the meeting to discuss concerns about the use of inclusive language in liturgy and other parish activities. Certain texts have been mandated by the Bishop so we cannot use inclusive language in these (for ex., the Gloria and the Eucharistic Prayer; the Bishop has also mandated that we use the Gloria at every Sunday Mass).

At Fr. Anthony's suggestion, Jean will approach the Liturgy Committee directly to discuss specific concerns and options for using more gender neutral language when possible in liturgy. In addition, the Council M/S/A a statement reaffirming the parish's commitment to the use of inclusive language, in order to make clear our commitment to gender equality, in all areas of parish life over which we have control.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Phillipart has resigned from the Council because of his work commitments; the Council M/S/A a thank you to Dennis for his service. John Brozek will take over the remainder of Dennis' term since he was the next highest vote-getter in the recent election. Council M/S/A John's appointment to the Council.

Rosalie was presented with a certificate to thank her for the dedicated service to the Council over the past four years; her presence on the Council will be greatly missed. Scott will be invited to the next Council meeting to receive his certificate.

Thanks were also given to Steve and Janet for their leadership this year as chair and vice-chair of the Council.

CLOSING PRAYER

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

NEXT MEETING

July 8, 2008, 7 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 1	TENTATIVE Council/Staff retreat/planning day, 9 am-3 pm
Aug. 3 & 4	SFP 101 (Sunday at 11 am; Monday at 7 pm)
Aug. 10	Potluck, Transitus of St. Clare service
Aug. 12	Parish Council meeting
Oct. 4	08 Centennial celebration begins