

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: Eloise Anderson, John Brozek, Vicki Bailey, Cecelia Fisher-Dahms, Judy Guardalabene, Richard Hernandez, Linda Johnson-Panattoni, Christine Morse Galves, Bob Reid, Judy Robinson, Janet Vitt, Fr. Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Judy G. read the gospel and facilitated faith sharing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last month were approved without amendment.

INTRODUCTIONS

Richard distributed binders to the new members and led the members in brief introductions of themselves.

PASTOR'S REPORT

The coffee table book being prepared for the centennial celebration is being proof-read and is a little behind schedule. The publisher assures us that books will be on hand for the celebration, although the entire order might not be back from the printers until the celebration is under way.

The electrical-box upgrade for the church building has been approved for a cost of \$19,371 plus \$3,200 installation. (The original estimate was for \$26,000.) Lofing Lighting was to begin the work this month. A locking mechanism will be put in place to deter tampering with the electrical box.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mediation: Christine said the committee is formulating a mission statement.

Communications: Christine delivered a summary of the activities (see below) of the committee and asked for Council to approve establishment of a separate 'Welcoming Committee' as a Council subcommittee on the same standing as communications, etc. A motion by Judy G. was seconded and approved. The Council was also asked to support the Communications Committee efforts to recruit young people to serve on both Communications and Welcoming committees. A motion by Judy G. was seconded and approved.

Communication Committee update:

- ❖ The next issue of Mass Appeal is due out in September – timed for the Centennial kickoff. The contents will mostly be based on the Centennial.

- ❖ Diana Bosley, Publicity Chair for the Centennial, and Judy Miranda, Merchandizing Chair for the Centennial attended the meeting– they will be attending regularly to ensure collaboration between the Centennial publicity/marketing and the communications committee.
- ❖ We reviewed formats of annual reports and provided feedback to the staff via Fran Anderson.

APPOINTMENTS

Richard appointed chairs and liaisons to the following committees and boards:

- ❖ Communications – Christine Morse Galves
- ❖ School Board – Eloise Anderson
- ❖ Mediation – Christine Morse Galves

Richard will seek volunteers to be committee chairs or liaisons to the Finance Council, the Welcoming Committee. Council members are to email or communicate with him about their interests.

PARISHIONER COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER CONCERNS

Judy R. reported that the concerns she heard during the Meet & Greet on Sunday, July 6 about the condition that Brunsman Hall was left in after an event on Saturday night. The group did not adhere to the contractual obligation to clean up the hall, and as a result, coffee and donuts had to be set up outdoors after the 9:30 Mass. Parish staff called the person who rented the room, who showed up before Noon Mass to tidy up the hall. Judy R. will let the concerned parishioners know that there are policies in place that outline renter obligations. The incident was an exception to the norm.

NEW BUSINESS

Vickie reported that a problem continues with drivers who arrive late for Mass and park so that they are blocking the handicapped parking places outside of Brunsman Hall. A guard is on hand to keep this from happening when religious education classes are being held, but not in those periods without the classes. Sr. Peggy will speak to Deborah Jones about what might be done. Sr. Peggy volunteered to patrol the parking lot and to leave a note on the windshield of any cars found to be blocking the handicapped spots.

CLOSING PRAYER

Judy G. led the closing prayer. Vickie will lead the next Gospel reflection,

NEXT MEETING

August 12, 2008, Brunsman Hall

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 1 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, St. Clare service
Aug. 12 Parish Council meeting
Sept. 13 & 17 Safe Environment Training
Oct. 4 Centennial celebration begins