

St. Francis Parish Council  
Tuesday, July 14, 2009  
Brunzman Hall

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. promptly!

The following were in attendance:

Ixiim Flores	Cecilia Fisher-Dahms	John Brozek	Dick Jaco
Judy Robinson	Christine Morse Galves	Christine Canelo	Roy Ibe
Shaaron Gilson	Bernie Evangelista	Ruth Cornell	Fr. Anthony
Elizabeth Gade	Richard Hernandez	Eloise Anderson	

Others:

Sr. Peggy

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Christine led the prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

**WELCOME**

Christine welcomed new members and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Roster of council members was passed around for information to be updated. It was reiterated that the roster is strictly for council members and not for public use.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA AND ADD ANY NEW ITEMS**

No changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Shaaron moved to approve the minutes of the meeting.

Cecelia seconded.

All approved.

**PARISHIONERS' INPUT**

- a. Dick: Shared parishioners concern re the front doors. Father said it would be done by mid July. **Eloise suggested that an announcement be made re the door either in the bulletin or public announcement by Sister Peggy.**
- b. John: Shared parishioners concern re holy water; that some people have asked if it could be at the back. Father shared it is a liturgical decision; to remind us of our baptism. The following are suggestions made to handle the concern:
  1. **Put a blurb in the bulletin and educate the community.**
  2. **Make a brochure.**
  3. **Incorporated it in the docent tours.**
  4. **The greeters can also be taught a statement to say when they welcome parishioners.**
  5. **A discussion can also be included in the Parish 101.**

- c. Bernie: Shared parishioners concern re heat and if air-conditioning is working. Father said that the thermostat was repaired. Another concern shared was about the pan handler. **Father said he will address the person.**
- d. Cecelia: Shared parishioners concern re slowing down of songs. **Cecelia will bring up the concern to Bro. James.**
- e. Roy: Shared parishioners concern re recycling. Father said there is a recycling dumpster by the school. **He will check if the parish recycling is being brought over to the school dumpster.**

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Father explained the nature of the lawsuit re the friary wiring. The lawsuit re friary wiring will probably be filed tomorrow. The diocesan lawyer believes the contractor has no case. The parish foots the bill for legal expenses. \$327.00 was paid to the first lawyer. We can ask the contractor to pay for our legal expenses if they file a lawsuit since it's a frivolous lawsuit. We have 3 bids and will proceed with the work.
- b. We've been asked by the Secretary of Formation to take a deacon. As deacons, they are paid a small stipend of \$800. Father said we can't afford it. They said they would pay for health insurance and we just need to pay a stipend of \$25.00 a mass, plus stipends for services he takes on. One hour per week of training with Father; experiential training in our community; and staff will go over things with him. After training, he can't stay because we can't afford it.  
**Can finance committee explore the fiscal impact in our budget?**  
**Eloise motioned to advice Father to proceed with accepting the deacon for our parish and as a council, review**  
**John seconded.**  
**Discussion: Richard wants to have an understanding of the finances involved. \$36,000 for a priest; \$2,000 for the year as a deacon.**

**The council members voted yes, with exception to Richard who voted Nay.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. All committees will remain.
- b. Elections committee: should meet more than once a year and focus on looking for candidates throughout the year. It was moved and seconded to have the elections committee a standing committee. All voted yes.
- c. Committee Chairs
- d. Reports:
  - 1. Communications:
  - 2. School Board: School is on vacation.
  - 3. Finance Council is closed this summer. 2% more revenue in the budget and expenses only 2/10 % over.

4. Mediation: No mediation.
5. Welcoming: Meeting next month. Summer event being planned and all are asked to be involved.
6. Centennial: No meeting. Ramadan dinner is on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. Centennial Picnic is on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> in courtyard. Volunteers needed. Funded through donations.
7. Buildings and Ground: Joe is looking at getting a maintenance contract for the heating and air system. Painting project was started last week and will be completed next weekend. Everyone welcome to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Meet and Greet: New format. Parish council members will be asked to give a commitment at least one weekend mass per month for the year. **Email Christine your mass choice. Further discussion on meet and greet for the next meeting.**
- b. Prayer leadership: **Next 4 months scheduled as follows:**

August 11	Roy
Sept. 8	Ixiim
Oct. 13	Elizabeth
Nov. 10	Dick
- c. Upcoming dates:
  1. PC retreat, Aug. 15, 8 to Noon, Brunsman Hall, potluck, snacks/no lunch
  2. PC/Staff retreat, Jan.30, 9 to 3, Place TBD
  3. PC Christmas Potluck, Dec. 8, 7:30, Brunsman Hall
  4. PC Meetings/Informal Gathering 6:15

## **CONCLUSION**

- a. Announcements: None
- b. Requests/Feedback from Council
- c. Closing prayer led by Cecelia.
- d. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. promptly!!!