

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPT. 9, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: Eloise Anderson, Vicki Bailey, Cathy Chenu-Campbell, Cecilia Fisher-Dahms, Richard Hernandez, Dick Jaco, Christine Morse Galves, Scott Olling, Judy Robinson, Steve Tholcke, Sr. Peggy

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Cathy led the prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

WELCOME

Richard welcomed all, and began the meeting by introducing Scott Olling. The Council M/S/A Scott's appointment, and thanked him for being willing to serve again.

Richard distributed a handout on communication within the Council. There was discussion to clarify some items, and Council members committed to utilizing these guidelines as we move forward.

Richard also asked if Council members would clearly communicate to him whether we would be attending various events (such as PC meetings, M & G weekends, SFP 101, etc.) Also, when Richard sends out an email, please be sure to respond.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last month were approved, with the date of the meeting corrected.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Anthony's report was given by Sr. Peggy.

The Council should be thinking about how to proceed on the top three pastoral concerns that were brainstormed at the Staff/Council planning day - 1) Nurturing the faith life of the parish (including the faith life of young people), 2) How to address the fact that staff are tired, and 3) How to create safe space to discuss controversial topics. He will be working directly with staff on concern number 2 (staff fatigue). Some Council members wanted the context in which these were developed – Christine will send out the minutes from the planning day.

The Centennial book costs have exceeded the original projections. Fran provided a report detailing the project budget and actual costs. She provided two hypothetical scenarios – one for ordering 1000 copies of the book, and the other for ordering 1500 copies. Because the majority of the costs are fixed, ordering 1500 copies is a very small additional cost. If we were to sell the books at \$50/copy, we would need to see 1250 copies to break even. After discussion, the Council M/S/A the proposal to order 1500 copies of the book. The book will be priced at \$50/copy. Council brainstormed a number of ideas for marketing, which Fran will pass along to those handling marketing. Fran will investigate a number of questions that were raised – 1) do we need to collect sales tax? 2) whether we can get galley proofs to

aid in sales? 3) when will the shipment of books arrive? 4) what if we sell out and want more copies of the book?

Sr. Peggy is looking for one or two volunteers from the Council to serve on an initial task force on stewardship. Contact Sr. Peggy if you can serve on this group.

There has been some difficulty with a member of one of our choirs. The person has been offered the opportunity to meet with Fr. Anthony to try to resolve the issues. There was a reminder that the Mediation Committee is ready to try to address these types of issues, which might relieve some of the burden on Fr. Anthony.

The fall day of reflection for the Parish will be Oct. 18, with Kenan Osborne, OFM.

The group planning the Capital Campaign is still meeting, but is not ready to launch the campaign yet.

School has started; electrical and lighting work in the Church is almost completed.

REPORTS

Communications Committee – “Mass Appeal” is just about ready to mail.

School Board – the first meeting of the new school year will be on Thursday; no August meeting was held.

Finance Council – John Brozek has been appointed as liaison; the next meeting is 9/16

Mediation Committee – is ready to handle matters that need mediation

Welcoming Committee – is fine-tuning the draft brochure. There was a good turnout for the recent SFP 101 (about 10 families attended)

FOLLOW UP ON OLD BUSINESS

Centennial Committee report – Announcements about the receptions have gone into the bulletin. We are getting some responses on help with the receptions; please contact Richard if you can help with setup, cleanup, or donations. On Saturday, for the 5:15 Mass, Bishop Quinn has been invited along with a number of Franciscans. There will be a buffet reception afterwards. Please plan to attend as many of the events this weekend as possible.

Christmas Mass times – about 150 survey forms were filled out. After a review of the surveys and Council discussion, it seems that there is increasing interest in attending Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve, while attendance at Christmas morning Masses has gradually declined. Council M/S/A a proposal to shift of one Mass from Christmas morning to Christmas Eve. The suggestion is to offer one additional, earlier Mass on Christmas Eve (at 3:30 or 4 pm), and to offer only one Mass (beginning no later than 9 am) on Christmas morning.

CLOSING PRAYER

Cathy led the closing prayer; Steve volunteered to lead prayer next month.

NEXT MEETING

Oct. 14, 2008, 7 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 4-5 Centennial celebration, receptions after all Masses (Brunsmann Hall)

Oct. 18 Fall day of reflection (8:30 – noon, Brunsmann Hall)

Nov. 1-2 Meet & Greet weekend

Nov. 11 Parish Council meeting (7 pm, Brunsman Hall)
Nov. 16-17 SFP 101 (11am/7pm Brunsman Hall)