

St. Francis Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Brunsmann Hall

Minutes

Present:

Father Anthony, Pastor, Sister Peggy Chambers, Pastoral Associate, Christine Galves, Chair, John Brozek, Vice-Chair, Bernie Evangelista, Secretary, Eloise Anderson, Christine Canelo, Ruth Cornell, Lisa Ecks, Ixiim Flores, Ray Ibe, Dick Jaco, Scott Olling

Absent:

Cecelia Fisher-Dahms, Betsy Gade, Shaaron Gilson, Judy Robinson

1. Welcome
 - a. Neck tags and binders are done and will be brought next month.
2. Prayer was led by Sr. Peggy.
3. Agenda was reviewed.
4. Minutes of the Sept. Meeting were approved.
5. Issues at large:
 - a. Catholic Climate Covenant: Care for Creation. Care for the Poor. More awareness about saving the earth. ***Motion for the parish to become more aware about environmental issues was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.***
 - b. Catholic Legislative Network: Voluntary sign up. Members will receive weekly email summaries re issues that affect Catholics. Alerts on Catholic related issues will also be sent via email when a legislator is making a decision. Members may do nothing; reply in favor; or write own message (disagree or other opinion). Onetime \$250 donation/fee requested of each parish by Bishop Soto.
There was a motion for the parish to have the Life and Dignity Weekend on Dec. 5th and 6th. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
There was a motion for the parish to give \$250 to the diocese with a letter stating we appreciate the access to information (but not for lobbying purposes) for the Catholic Legislative Network. Motion was seconded and passed 7 in favor; 4 opposed. There was a discussion on seeking donations from the parish to generate the donation, which was the position of some of those who opposed.
 - c. Ill people at mass/hand sanitation
Blurb will be put in the bulletin re presiders/EMs using hand sanitizers; EM to be re-trained re wiping cups; staying home when sick; not taking wine when sick; bowing vs. hand shake; putting hand sanitizers at the back and sides of church.
 - d. Religious life among women
Cardinals are in charge of visiting sisters for an investigation.
Letters of support are being requested on behalf of the sisters
6. Issues in Committee

- a. By-Laws: Motion to amend the changes in the by-laws with Section 1 and Section 5 b, with inclusion of Fr.'s comments, seconded and passed unanimously. *New amendments will be given to all PC members and changes on the web will be done by Ray.*
- b. Tithing: No meeting this month. Next meeting is on Dec. 2nd.
- c. Centennial: Shaaron was acknowledged for all her work. Nov. 4th meeting.
- d. Communications: Ongoing work on web site. Meeting next week.
- e. Finance: Overfunded on building fund. 10% down since July 1st, about \$11,000. 4% savings each month by Parish staff.
- f. School Board: 70 students in choir. Testing in process. Parent Teacher Conferences this week. BBQ raised \$8,600.
- g. Mediation: No report.
- h. Elections: No report.
- i. Social Services: Will meet before next council meeting.
- j. Welcoming: Meets every month. Brunch hosted this past Sunday; happens 3 times a year. Great sense of community. Everyone is invited to join.
- k. Business/Legal Advisory Team: An update regarding meeting with the CFO of the diocese was provided by PC members who attended the meeting.
- l. Buildings and Ground: There is a gas leak by the power door close to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Friary wiring work will start next week. Work on the bell will begin next week and will only cost \$3,000. A lock box that costs \$500 is needed for Fire Safety. Need to work on stained glass windows.
7. Pastor Report: Break in at the St. Clare's Chapel. Lock replaced.
8. Announcements: Judy's mom is in the ICU. Steve sent a thank you card for all the prayers. A few parishioners are sick. ***Suggestion made to put a bulletin board for parishioners who are sick or have died, with a picture.***
Another suggestion was given on behalf of parishioners that different members of the parish be involved in offering of the gifts, money collection and bringing up the collection.
9. Closing Prayer led by Sr. Peggy.