

St. Francis Parish Council Meeting  
 Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011  
 7:00 p.m., Brunsmann Hall

<u>  </u> x Jenny Brown	<u>  </u> x Carol Fairbairn	<u>  </u> x Paul LeBoeuf
<u>  </u> x Michael Cheney	<u>  </u> x Cecelia Fisher-Dahms, Sec.	<u>  </u> x Mary Marks, Vice-Chair
<u>  </u> x Ken Da Rosa	<u>  </u> x Ixiim Flores, Chair	<u>  </u> x Marci Naults
<u>  </u> x Michael De Haven	<u>  </u> x Michelle Hernandez-Flores	<u>  </u> x Sr. Peggy Chambers, omc
<u>  </u> Elizabeth "Lisa" Ecks	<u>  </u> x Stephen Frei	<u>  </u> Fr. Anthony Garibaldi, osf
<u>  </u> x Bernie Evangelista	<u>  </u> x Ray Ibe	<u>  </u>
Guest in Attendance: none		

1. Welcome and Roll Call
  - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the Chair, Ixiim.
  - She called roll.
  
2. Opening prayer was led by Michelle Hernandez-Flores.
  
3. Review of Agenda & Approval of October Minutes
  - Ixiim reviewed the agenda and the minutes.
  - After minor edits were made, the minutes were moved, seconded, and approved.
  
4. Parishioner Input
  - a. Member noted that the information on the website regarding infant baptisms was not clear. It has been updated.
  - b. A parishioner was blocked by another car in the parking lot for 1½ hours. One noted cell phone use during liturgy and another noted the number of people leaving after Eucharist. Might add a piece on liturgical etiquette in the bulletin.
  
5. Pastor's Report – Sr. Peggy offered a Staff Report.
  - a. The Covenant of Sharing went well, with over 300 willing to volunteer and \$16,000 in one-time giving. Work in under way on a database of people willing to help. PC Remarks:
    - 1) Michelle offered to assist with data input.
    - 2) Appreciation was expressed for the "Thank you" post cards.
    - 3) Paul suggested that opportunities for sharing and for prayer be added to the bulletin.
    - 4) As last year, it was suggested that PC members report on the outcomes of the Covenant of Sharing.
  - b. The heat will be on next weekend and Deborah Jones, Director of Liturgy, will be back then.
  - c. Catholic updates are out on the new Roman Missal changes. PC members are asked to be available November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss changes with parishioners following each liturgy.
  - d. The Women's Retreat on October 29<sup>th</sup> with Sr. Claire Graham had about 100 attendees.
  - e. Faith Formation:
    - 1) Children's faith formation resumes
    - 2) RCIA has 25 catechumens and candidates
    - 3) Need more dismissal catechists and companions (2 nights/month)
  - f. Coming Events:
    - 1) No noon Mass next Monday to Wednesday, as the friars will be at a meeting.

- 2) Finance Council meeting is next week, with new chair, Tom Griffin. The Council plans to start next year's budget process early and is suggesting quarterly, rather than monthly, meetings.
  - 3) The Alternative Christmas Fair on November 20<sup>th</sup> has all 25 booths booked.
  - 4) The Mardi Gras Gala 2012, Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, will be at the Sacramento Elks Lodge on Riverside Blvd.
  - 5) Richard Hernandez has volunteered to head up next year's Parish Picnic.
  - g. Fr. Anthony will be back for the first weekend of December.
  - h. No date yet for painting Brunsman Hall. It's likely that the hall painting will not be completed before Fr. Anthony's return, as originally planned.
6. Discussion and Action Items
- a. Buildings and Grounds (B&G): Mary
    - 1) Slip Guard: Metal slip guard will be installed on the steps throughout the property for about \$8,000. Guards have a 7 to 10 year life.
    - 2) Tower Bell: Using the existing bell, it can be repaired for \$21,000 which will be good for 50 to 60 years. When asked about using a recording, it was clarified that liturgically a real bell ringing is a call to prayer. It was also noted that the 6:00 bell alerts our step guests that it is time to come to the Parish Center side gate.
    - 3) Brunsman Hall: Staff has seen the colors. We have estimates. Joe Prassa, Plant Manager, has chosen a company. The work will include the Assisi Room.
    - 4) Church Recarpeting: Estimates are in. Work is being scheduled for February, by an experienced company. There will be marble around the font for a smooth transition and to avoid slippage.
    - 5) Project Process: To address the current dilemma in which there is no process for how things become a B&G priority, Mary presented a process with a handout illustrating a B&G committee with its chair as a member of the Finance Committee. Besides the Chair, the B&G Committee would include a PC liaison, school liaison, the Plant Manager, the Chair of Volunteer Projects, and several members-at-large. The B&G Committee will also look at scheduled maintenance and depreciation needs. Mary will share the proposal with Fr. Anthony and the school; Sr. Peggy will share it with staff; Michael De Haven will share it with the Finance Committee. This will be on the January agenda.
  - b. School Updates: Jenny Lowsma-Brown
    - 1) Principal Cheryl Ramirez provided written updates which covered:
      - Weekly prayer services
      - Jog-a-thon, Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, which netted \$19,442
      - Buddy system with 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 1<sup>st</sup> graders.
      - Facilities: Drinking fountains inside and outside repaired. Cafeteria refrigeration repaired.
      - Crab Feed: Not to be held this year.
      - Donuts after 9:30 Mass: Heather Emory, 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, is to contact Kay Skonieczny, Director of Outreach, to arrange times for the Student Council to assist.
      - Staff Parking: Up to 17, with 3 for the friars. Need 4 more spaces to be back to the spaces before the move.
    - 2) The first SF cross-country wolves team will be participating in the Thanksgiving Run-to-Feed-the-Hungry.
    - 3) The musical event with the children's choir for the new Mass setting went well.
  - c. November/December Planning: Ixiim

- 1) Holiday Party: 12/13 with staff and spouses at 6:30 in Brunsman Hall. Event used to welcome back Fr. Anthony.
  - 2) Gift for Security Guard: Discussion about gift certificates or cards. Ixiim will follow-up with Lisa Ecks.
  - d. Diocesan Parish Council Deanery Meeting on 11/7/11: All Parish Council Chairs were asked to attend these twice a year meetings. Cheryl Tholcke is our representative. Discussed:
    - 1) Civil reorganization of the diocese of Sacramento. Each parish will have its own tax ID.
    - 2) New Roman Missal: Parishes to give feedback to the Bishop.
    - 3) Video conferencing capabilities with the diocesan Pastoral Center and three remote locations
    - 4) Catholic Herald: feedback for more local news
7. Announcements
- a. No meeting in December.
  - b. Dates to remember:
    - 1) Wed., Nov. 9: Taize Service of Remembrance: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
    - 2) Tues., Nov. 15: School Advent Retreat and Spaghetti Dinner (Cafeteria): 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
    - 3) Sun., Nov. 20: Alternative Christmas Fair (Brunsmann Hall): 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
    - 4) Sat. & Sun., Nov. 26 & 27: First day of new Roman Missal
    - 5) Sat., Feb. 4: Mardi Gras Gala (Sacramento Elks Lodge): 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.
  - c. Next month's prayer leader: Ixiim volunteered.
8. Michelle led the closing prayer.
9. Next meeting will be January 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 p.m.

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