

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

Council members present: Eloise Anderson, John Brozek, Cathy Chenu-Campbell, Bernie Evangelista, Cecilia Fisher-Dahms, Christine Morse Galves, Richard Hernandez, Dick Jaco, Scott Olling, Bob Reid, Judy Robinson, Steve Tholcke, Janet Vitt, Fr. Anthony

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The meeting opened with prayer and facilitated faith sharing.

WELCOME

Richard welcomed all, and began the meeting by thanking everyone who worked on arranging the Christmas potluck shared by staff member and Parish Council members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from last month were approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

The pastors met with the new Bishop – an optimistic tone has been set. The diocese is financially sound. Some schools in the diocese are struggling (we are fortunate that our school is doing well and operating in the black).

A follow-up meeting was held with young adults in our area – 3 priests attended along with 13 young adults.

SPEAKER – SCHOOL GROUNDS AREA DEVELOPMENT

Jerry Gonzalez made a presentation on plans to further develop the school grounds.

A complete landscaping plan has been developed (Jerry and his wife are parents of a child in the school, and both are licensed landscape architects). The plan would provide for improvements to the area at the southwest portion of the school grounds as well as to provide a memorial to Wendy Tedesco. About \$10-15,000 has already been collected towards the cost of this project.

After the presentation, a number of questions emerged. The most basic regards ownership of the property. Since Mercy Housing Corp. owns the property, their permission would be needed to move forward. There were also concerns about how to phase the project, and about whether the parish would be allowed to use the tables, benches, etc. that would be installed as part of the project. Finally, there were concerns about how fundraising for this project might impact the Parish's upcoming capital campaign.

SPEAKER – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Bob Reid presented an update on the Capital Campaign plans (written report attached/distributed)

The committee is recommending that we slow down the timeline for the campaign. This would allow time to refine the costs for each item on the list and to ensure that the scope of each project is clearly defined.

The committee will report back to the Council in February and hopes to have complete cost figures at that time.

REPORTS

Finance Council – John reported that our collection is currently holding steady and meeting the level project in the budget.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with prayer; Richard will lead prayer next month.

NEXT MEETING

Jan. 13, 2009, 7 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 3/4	Meet and greet after all Masses
Jan. 24	Centennial School Alumni Mass and Open House (after 5:15pm Mass)
Feb. 7/8	Meet and greet after all Masses
Feb. 8	SFP 101
Feb. 21	Centennial Dinner Dance (Dante Club)