

St. Ann's Parish Council Minutes
January 13, 2009

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice President John Selby at 7:05 PM.
 - 1.1 Opening prayer was led by Father Parlette.
 - 1.2 Roll call was taken by Secretary Inez Tobin.
 - 1.3 Christine Cauwels moved we adopt the agenda, seconded by Joe Ragona.
 - 1.4 Jeff VanDeCastele moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Joe Ragona.
2. Special Presentations
 - 2.1 The Church Life/Family Life committee is promoting a project that involves a family that was on the Quad City Wish list during the holidays. They want to "adopt" a family from that list that would be a Lenten project that can include all parishioners. Everyone will be encouraged to help by selecting leaves from a "Garden of Giving" tree. A bulletin board will be in the main entrance explaining the project, introducing the family and their needs and an insert will be in the bulletin explaining how all parishioners can "adopt" this as their Lenten project. A card party/soup supper is also being planned for February 21st as a benefit for the family.
 - 2.2 It has been five years since the parish directory has been updated. It was discussed that a new directory is needed and perhaps a good time would be in early fall. Church Life/Family Life will be getting in touch with Lifetouch to set up some dates.
3. Commission reports
 - a. Faith Formation - All classes have resumed after Christmas break. Second graders are getting ready for 1st Communion.
 - b. Liturgy – New covers for missalettes have been ordered. They will have a clear cover.
 - c. Church Life/Family Life – Right now they are busy with the Lenten project and lining up parish directory information.
 - d. Social Action – This committee is seeking new members. No report.
 - e. Building & Grounds – An Eagle Scout is working on putting the statues back in the shrine. They are also looking more closely at the rules and regulations of the cemetery.
 - f. Stewardship – The book sale before Christmas went very well. No other report.
 - g. Finance – Financial goals are being met a little better. The challenge is in making our building payments and to remind parishioners to fulfill their commitments. The Parish Festival was again discussed. It could be held as a fundraiser for some individual goals (such as heaters that need to be replaced).
4. Old business –
 - 4.1 Breakfast – So far, breakfast have been scheduled for February 8th, March 15th and sometime in August.
 - 4.2 Thank you's – The Guild was sent a thank you for buying the clear covers for the missalettes.
5. Other business

There will be an initiation for the Knights of Columbus group here on Monday, January 18th. Any new members are encouraged to attend.
6. Closing prayer was led by Vice President John Selby and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.