

Minutes for the January 8, 2008 Parish Council Meeting

Present: Fr. Parlette, Kelly Greenleaf, Melissa Brimeyer, Bill Briggs, Matt Buettner, Christine Cauwels, Brian Murphy, Celeste Murphy, Jerry Noel, Joe Ragona, Paul Rucker, John Selby, Inez Tobin, Jeff Van DeCastele

Absent: Andy Liske, Judy Loussaert, Loras Schafer, Dave Sheridan, Noreen Warren

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Melissa Brimeyer. The opening prayer was led by Father Parlette.

Roll call was taken by secretary Inez Tobin.

The agenda was adopted with two additions. Previous minutes were read & approved by members. Minutes should be put in everyone's box as well as in the bulletin.

Special Presentations

Commission reports:

Faith Formation – Faith Formation is now connected to the Households of Faith group. There was no report available.

Liturgy – There was a breakfast on January 20th hosted by this committee. Advent & Christmas events were planned and carried out. Lenten liturgy and the January breakfast will be discussed at their upcoming meeting.

Family Life – A member of the parish has contacted the committee and wants to address the food pantry needs. He is willing to coordinate some type of event to raise funds for the food pantry. Last meeting was cancelled because of weather but will be addressing food pantry needs and their upcoming breakfast in February at their next meeting.

Social Action – No report

Buildings and Grounds – There was no meeting but they will be working on Eagle Scout projects as soon as weather permits. These projects involve the Circle Drive and the Fatima Shrine.

Stewardship – The committee set up the kiosk for the “Prayer - The Gift You Give.” This was done during the Advent & Christmas seasons. They are meeting Thursday, January 10th to discuss Lenten ideas.

Finance – The ADA goal is close to being completed and we are very pleased about this. They are hoping that parishioners will think prayerfully about contributing to pay for the Catholic Messenger subscriptions. There are 2 vacancies to be filled. That of Youth Ministry and church secretary. There are some resumes for secretary submitted and we

will begin interviewing soon. This position will begin in July. The Youth Ministry position will be advertised in the Catholic Messenger and Catholic colleges in the area.

Nursery – Father informed the council that there is a great need for helpers in the nursery. Guidelines will have to be looked at but all helpers need to have the “Protecting God’s Children Workshop” before being allowed to help. One idea was that perhaps a training class could be offered at St. Ann’s for those interested or wishing to be involved with the nursery.

There was also a discussion as to whether the 3 & 4 year old preschool is being utilized to the best of its ability. It was brought to the council’s attention that many parents are not using the program because they want their children attending mass with them. This program is held during the 10:30 mass.

Picnic – The Fall Festival was discussed. It was noted that a coordinator for this event is very important. It will be published in the bulletin seeking a volunteer for this position. September 14th was suggested for the date and more information will come later.

Elections – Elections need to be addressed at the March meeting. Any changes in how election nominations are done will be discussed at that time.

Old Business

Parish breakfast – We will be having a Parish breakfast on the following dates: January 20th (Liturgy), February (Family Life), March 9th (Buildings and Grounds).

Thank You – A thank you was sent to Lynn Kroeger & Tammy Zimmer for helping with the music ministry during Page’s absence. A thinking of you card was sent to Page Grubb.

Father Parlette closed the meeting with a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Inez Tobin