

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – April 28, 2010

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Dennis, Father Robert, Mike Beuche, Harriet Lazinski, Dave Schulz. Claire Wycklendt, Penny Kelsey, Kevin Long, Tom Gaeta, Lucia Korom, Jim Pondel, Pat Koppa, Elizabeth Cleveland, Paula Hogan **ABSENT:** Matt Demet

PRIOR MINUTES: The March 2010 minutes were approved.

FINANCE UPDATE: Elizabeth Cleveland reported some favorable trends in current cash flow, and continues to improve the format for financial reporting. Discussion focused on how to order priorities as cash becomes available for longer term goals. Beyond paying current bills, the identified priorities are replenishing emergency reserves, restoring the organ, and updating the heating system. Father Robert made the case for going ahead with the organ restoration, citing the advantage of taking one fund-raising goal at a time and demonstrating progress to the parish. Others commented on the need to separate wants from needs and expressed more urgency about fixing the heating system. (We are about 50% towards the Faith in Our Future goal, suggesting that the amount of cash available for longer term goals is still unknown.) The Friday Fish Fries were a financial success and also helped build community. The fact that the Friday Fish Fries were styled as organ fundraisers was noted.

Elizabeth Cleveland presented the budget proposed for the coming year. It includes a \$43k surplus, and assumes no capital expenditures and normal or better utility and snow removal expenses. The Council voted unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

SURVEY: The Council reviewed a summary report of survey results before its inclusion in the May 1 & 2 bulletin. The first goal is to inform the parishioners of the survey results. The Council plans to focus at its June meeting on what specific steps are appropriate to take in light of the survey results. Discussion at this meeting touched on what we can do better to serve the young adults and empty-nesters in our parish, the need for which is identified in survey results.

PARISH WIDE MASS: Penny reported that the Prayer and Worship Committee is deeply involved in preparations. The Council unanimously approved her request for a \$750 budget. The *Come Join The Family* theme will be central. The 5/23 date and the associated potluck will be included in Mass announcements. Wide participation is sought.

FIOF UPDATE: We are about 50% towards our goal. There is still no follow-up coordinator. Please send your suggestions to Dave.

COUNCIL DISCERNMENT: Those wishing to discern are asked to provide a short biography by 5/15 to Dave Schulz. Laura Pandl is appointed to finish out the term of Pam Ringsred. Our new trustee is John Desing, whose candidacy was unopposed.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES: *Bldg & Grds* will have estimates soon for the boiler and for the repair of the church doors. *Sch Bd* is preparing its second annual parent survey and fundraising is going well.

PASTOR'S REPORT: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Hogan

BLURB FOR THE BULLETIN:

The Parish Council reviewed financials, passed the budget for next year, and discussed the best way to allocate funds as cash becomes available for long-term goals. Planning continues for the May 26 discernment of new Council members and for the May 23rd parish wide Mass and potluck.