

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – December 17th, 2008

PRESENT: Father Robert, Phil Behling, Mike Lynett, Kevin Long, Mark Hirschmann, Harriet Lazinski, Dave Schulz., Pam Ringsred, Paula Hogan, Claire Wycklendt, Penny Kelsey Tom Gaeta, Lucia Korom, Stacy Ward, Tony Monfre **ABSENT:** Mike Beuche

PRIOR MINUTES: The Nov 2008 minutes were approved with minor edits.

HOUSEKEEPING: Mike Lynett asks that meetings begin and end with the Sign of the Cross. A leadership training seminar for parish leaders is being planned. Next joint meeting with St. Robert's is as scheduled in February. Next PC meeting includes Mass attendance discussion.

MEET THE STAFF: CATHY PRESTI MINISTER FOR PASTORAL CARE: Cathy detailed the multiple ways she supports the pastoral care ministry. Father Robert gave her public thanks for "all the work she is doing for our beloved parishioners" and noted her substantive contributions in the pastoral care area. When asked what the parish needs are in her area, Kathy mentioned more active volunteers who are in their 50s and 60s.

FINANCE UPDATE: Tony gave financial highlights. November was a favorable month for cash flow with inflows exceeding outflows by about \$20k. This reduces the projected annual deficit to about \$167k. Everyone is pitching in to reduce expenses. It is challenging for the school to have 10 less students than budgeted and there is concern about the financial impact of losing a large 8th grade class to graduation this year. *Buildings & Ground* sub-budget also shows a positive cash variance for the month of November but the tension between just fixing emergencies and doing true maintenance remains. The budgeting process is underway, with all groups asked to reduce expenses by 10%. There is discussion about changing the split of the B Fund revenues, to give 60% to the school instead of 50%. The 2008 audit is underway with external accounts under review now and internal accounts under review early in 2009. FIOF campaign has lower to-date results than had been hoped for before the recession.

REVIEW OF 2008-2009 PARISH COUNCIL GOALS: Father Dennis is recruiting strong leaders for the Stewardship Committee. Tony will follow up with Father Dennis to make sure that planning is in place for the Holy Family January 11th stewardship campaign weekend. The Evangelization Committee is not staffed and so on hold but still desired. FIOF campaign reflects that discretionary income in general is down about one third. The logistics of the shared pastor arrangement are working but managing duplicative efforts is challenging.

BOOK DISCUSSION: HOLY LONGING Ch 2: The early consensus is not overwhelmingly favorable. Father Robert advises that the book as a whole offers potentially valuable insights and opportunities for personal growth.

NOV 25TH MTG W/ST ROBERT'S -AFTERTHOUGHTS: There seems to be a general feeling of goodwill and an openness to sharing resources where collaboration makes sense, along with a shared desire to maintain the distinct identity of each parish.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES: Mike Lynett attended an archdiocesan pastoral council and reports that other parishes have even more challenging financial situations. *Blds & Grds* submitted a detailed written report. The Council would like this information to be more widely known by parishioners. Father Robert noted and the Council strongly agreed that the buildings & grounds volunteers are a blessing for our parish and that Rick Domach, Bob Domach, Harvey Thelen and Mike Kabara. do "an amazing" amount of valuable repair and

maintenance for us. The website continues to improve, and now has links to FIOF brochure and to auction information, and soon to the minister schedules. *Sch Bd* discusses budgeting pressures. *Adult Formation* plans collaborative programming with St. Robert's.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Dennis will likely still be recuperating for several more weeks. Stewardship package is near completion for distribution before the January 11 stewardship weekend..

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hogan

BLURB FOR THE BULLETIN:

The Parish Council heard a description from Kathi Presti of her activities as Minister for Pastoral Care and thanked her for her good work, and also considered a report on current financials from Tony Montfre. In addition, the Council discussed Chapter 2 of Ronald Rolheiser's book *The Holy Longing* and also discussed the recent joint meeting with the St. Robert's Parish Council. As a part of hearing the committee liaison reports, the Council noted the valuable contribution of Rick Domach, Bob Domach, Harvey Thelen and Mike Kabara to the care of our buildings and grounds.