

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – December 16, 2009

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Dennis, Mike Beuche, Harriet Lazinski, Dave Schulz, Pam Ringsred, Claire Wycklendt, Penny Kelsey, Kevin Long, Tom Gaeta, Father Robert, Lucia Korom, Jim Pondel, Matt Demet

ABSENT: Pat Koppa

GUESTS: Linda Schulz, Elizabeth Cleveland

PRIOR MINUTES: The November minutes were approved.

DINNER DANCE AUCTION: Linda Schulz asked if the council would make a donation to the 2010 dinner dance auction. A decision was made to contribute toward purchasing wine to go with a wine cooler that has already been donated. **Your donation should go to Claire who will forward to the auction committee.**

FINANCE UPDATE: Elizabeth Cleveland reported that we currently have a parishioner support deficit of \$13,000. We will start to see increases in heat and electric bills with the onset of winter weather. A switch in vendors for hospitality should result in a savings of about 50%. A water pipe break in the school will be repaired over Christmas break. All Building & Grounds expenses will be kept in the Building & Grounds department rather than allocated to individual ministries in 2010. Elizabeth is pleased with the trial service she subscribed to that enables her to access both St. Robert and Holy Family records from the computer of her choice.

ADVISORY CAPACITY OF COUNCIL: Dave reminded the council that we are an advisory/consultative body as opposed to a governing body.

ORGAN: The archdiocese reported that parishes can expect to receive 80-100% of their pledged FIOF funds, depending on the success of the follow-up coordinator. Holy Family does not yet have someone in that role. Matt volunteered to find this person. **Please e-mail your suggestions for coordinator to Matt.**

Based on those percentages, Holy Family has a spending range of \$61,000-\$77,000 for liturgical enhancements. Fathers Dennis and Robert, Dave, Andy, Claire and others met recently and Fr. Dennis decided to allocate \$60,000 toward the purchase of a high quality pipe organ. The hope is to add to the organ as additional funds become available.

SURVEY: Discussion centered on the major themes of comments from the survey, what action plans we should undertake as a result, and how to communicate the survey results back to the parish. **Please send Matt your feedback on how this may happen and he will bring these ideas to the next council meeting.**

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES: Many committees did not meet in December, however Religious Ed requests an announcement at Mass regarding its upcoming Family Fun Night. **Jim will get the announcement to Greg Kelch.**

PARISH WIDE MASS: Parishioners were confused about the cancellation of the parish wide mass after it was announced in the bulletin. The Prayer and Worship committee had concerns about the venue for the mass, but are in favor of having it. **Penny, the Prayer and Worship liaison, will re-address the Parish Wide Mass at the next committee meeting to ensure their support for the mass and to select an appropriate date for this event.** Father Dennis noted that another committee will need to be formed to handle the details of the parish potluck which will follow the mass.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Dennis reported that the St. Robert and Holy Family staffs got together to discuss their successes and challenges, a success being the joint council meeting and a challenge is the sense of being stretched and the stress that ministry places on them. Overall, the feeling was positive.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucia Korom

BLURB FOR THE BULLETIN:

The Parish Council reviewed current finances, discussed the church organ, the parish survey results, the parish wide mass and heard several committee liaison reports.