

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – February 24, 2009

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

PRIOR MINUTES: The Jan 2009 minutes were approved with minor edits.

HOUSEKEEPING: Pam Ringsred will send some thank you notes on behalf of the PC this month. **An extra PC meeting is scheduled for Wed 3/11, 7pm, pending Father Dennis's approval.** PC shares hospitality responsibilities with parish staff again on 4/15 and 6/14.

FINANCE UPDATE: Tom and Kevin provided finance update since Tony was absent. January financials document a continuing trend of seriously tight cash flow due to a combination of weak revenue trends, ambitious stewardship budgeting, and cash flow timing issues. Finance staff will provide more detail on accounting process and financial data at next meeting so the PC has a better understanding of the parish's true financial condition. Discussion focused on the need to bring the parish up to date on parish finances. The goal is to have an informative message in the 3/22 bulletin.

REVIEW OF 2008-2009 PARISH COUNCIL GOALS: *Stewardship Committee:* A 2/26 meeting will gather those interested in serving. *Evangelization:* The expectation is that this will be folded into the collaboration committee work. *FIOF:* \$712k pledges so far from 302 families. A final letter will be sent in March to those who have not responded. *New shared pastor arrangement:* (See discussion in joint PC minutes.) *Increasing Mass attendance and volunteer participation:* Idea list from Dec 2008 PC meeting will be edited by Father Dennis and the PC before forwarding to P&W.

REVIEW OF DISCERNMENT PROCESS: There will be four PC openings this spring (as Mike L and Phil leave and as Pam and Mark may or may not renew). **Mike L asks each PC member to email 3 potential candidates to him by 3/20.** Full list will be reviewed and contact responsibilities assigned at 3/25 mtg. Then regular discernment process will take place. A caveat is, as Claire points out, that our constitution requires an election, not discernment. Mike L will find out archdiocesan rules. Kevin's term as trustee is up. Mike L will suggest trustee election process.

BOOK DISCUSSION: HOLY LONGING Mike B summarized Chapter 3. Harriet will lead discussion of **Chapters 4& 5 at 3/25 mtg.**

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES: *Bldgs & Grds:* Boiler will likely get a \$3500 quick fix pending full replacement. *School Bd* had a successful open house with a record 20 new families visiting and excellent school tours provided by the 8th grade guides. *R.E.* reports 70 kids in EDGE program plus 2 Life Teen helpers and a great, first-ever family fun night on a recent Saturday evening, with 90 families signed up. Bake sale(instead of usual doughnut hospitality) scheduled for Palm Sunday. Vacation Bible school plans underway. *Adult Formation:* Dan H is hosting several events. *Staff:* Directory available soon. We need more Mass intentions. Father Laurin visited the school at lunch recently.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Robert is making our Lent and Triduum plans and asks that parishioners be open to some new ideas he will suggest. His closing prayer centered on Tony.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hogan

BLURB FOR THE BULLETIN:

The Parish Council focused mainly on parish finances this month in addition to preparing for the upcoming discernment process for new Parish Council members and hearing several committee reports. Our Parish Council also met jointly this month with the Parish Council from St. Robert's in order to continue collaboration discussions.