

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – January 27, 2010

PRESENT: Father Dennis, Mike Beuche, Dave Schulz, Pam Ringsred, Claire Wycklendt, Penny Kelsey, Father Robert, Lucia Korom, Jim Pondel, Matt Demet, Pat Koppa, Paula Hogan, Elizabeth Cleveland, Rick Domach

ABSENT: Harriet Lazinski, Kevin Long, Tom Gaeta

PRIOR MINUTES: The December minutes were approved.

FINANCE UPDATE: Elizabeth Cleveland reviewed December financials. Parish support is up and utilities are better than last year. There was a \$63k unexpected bequest. There will be more capital repairs coming up soon. Dave Schulz read a corporate resolution to be signed by all parishes documenting that the parish funds set aside for unemployment benefits are the property of the parish, not archdiocese.

UPDATE ON CHURCH ORGAN & ACOUSTIC PANELS: Andy continues to look for an organ within our \$60k price range and it is challenging. Father Robert further explained that this is not an expense that can be gradually staged, hence the fish fry fundraiser and a possible “fund a pipe” campaign down the road.

PARISH SURVEY: The Council spent considerable time discussing the recent survey results. Eight themes in the survey responses were identified. Each theme was assigned to a Council member who will first read through all survey results to identify responses pertaining to the particular theme, and then email a summary of survey comments for that theme to Matt Demet by Friday 2/5. Matt will collate these mini summaries into a report for review by Father Dennis and Father Robert before publication in the bulletin. At the next meeting, the Council will discuss the best way to follow up on survey suggestions, with the intention of working through the committee structure already in place in the parish. It is also a high priority to share survey results with parish staff.

PARISH WIDE MASS: Dave Schulz summarized some conversation about the parish wide Mass idea and Penny Kelsey provided an update from the Prayer & Worship committee. In essence, there is support for an all-parish Mass but serious concern about the gym as the venue. The current idea is at Pentecost to have the usual Sat Mass but on Sunday just one parish-wide Mass followed by a potluck. Prayer & Worship could plan the service. Another group would coordinate a potluck and children’s activities. Spirited discussion included acknowledgement of the objections to the idea as originally presented but also recognition that there was a real spark of interest and engagement in the idea as originally proposed.

FIOF UPDATE: Matt Demet and Dave Schulz are looking for someone to be the FIOF follow up coordinator.

DISCUSSION OF THE HOLY LONGING: Discussion of Chapter 9 postponed to the next meeting.

COMMITTEE LIAISON UPDATES: *Sch Bd:* The annual fund is doing very well and budgeting for the next year underway. *Bldgs & Grd* hired an engineer to make a plan for maintenance and repair of the school heating system. There was a \$6k hot water repair for the school at Christmas time. *R.E.* had a great family fun night. Also, Claire Wycklendt proposed that we implement an idea of Father Robert’s to invite new parish members to stand and be recognized at each 5th weekend Mass during their first year as members.

PASTOR'S REPORT: None

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hogan

BLURB FOR THE BULLETIN:

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