

January 30, 2007, Parish Council Minutes

Those attending: Fr. Leo, Jan Tighe, Kathy Thomas, Judy Schurman, Doris Cameron, Eric Penske, Lloyd Davis, Cindie Audia, Gail Bruen.

Prayer Service- Worship/Evangelization

New Council Members: Fr. Leo introduced, chose terms.

Two year terms-2007-2009: Paul Alflen, Doris Cameron and Eric Fenske.

Three Year terms-2007-2010: Cindie Audia, Scot Laramée, Judy Schurman

Alternate-JoAnn Stammersky

Doris Cameron will be President and responsible for presiding over meetings.

Cindie Audia will be Secretary and responsible for preparing minutes, making meeting reminder calls to council members and having added to weekend announcements. Jan Tighe will work on creating place on website for parish council minutes.

February parish council meeting: Tuesday, February 27th at 7 p.m.

March parish council meeting: March 20th at 7 p.m.

Family Life-Kathy Thomas reported that marriage classes will be Sat., Jan. 27-March 17th.

Five couples will be taking their marriage classes at Holy Spirit and four couples will take their classes elsewhere.

Co-Op Nursery: Kathy brought up trying to get parents to participate in a co-op nursery during Mass. Suggestions to encourage participation: Fr. Leo will give homily related to volunteering, probably during Lent. Fr. Leo will write a letter and Kathy will take care of mailing to around 200 registered families that have preschool children. Jan suggested and Kathy will ask volunteers to follow-up mailing with phone calls. Kathy will place article in the bulletin and add to Mass announcements. Some other suggestions: talk to Gloria about teens needing service hours that may be interested in babysitting. Possibly ask for volunteer Senior to help with babysitting so parents can go to Mass.

Mother/daughter, Father/son programs are scheduled for February 17 & 18th. Volunteers have it well organized and Kathy expects a good turnout.

Women's Club-Doris Cameron. Next meeting is Thursday, February 1st. New Year's Eve party went very well and also made a good profit.

The new Cross for the Chapel has been paid for by Women's Club at Fr. Leo's request.

Sponsoring Donuts and Coffee after 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses is under consideration by Women's Club. Jan asked Doris to discuss with Irene, as Irene is already working on it. Jan also mentioned that other groups might be willing to consider taking a turn serving.

Eric Fenske suggested that if Fr. Leo would leave the sanctuary after Mass and go to the new gathering space, it might encourage others to gather there also.

Mother's Day Tea scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. Has been popular in past years and Women's Club is expecting a good turnout this year as well.

Trunk Sale scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. Date has been confirmed with Kay. At this point, Women's Club is considering charging \$25 for a car to have 2 spaces. Fr. Leo suggested making it 3 spaces and also running newspaper ads for vendors.

Men's Club-Lloyd Davis. Super Bowl Father/son Wild Game Dinner is Sunday, February 4th. Jan suggested possibly next year having a separate party for the women. Lloyd will mention it at the Men's Club.

Soup and Bread will be every Friday during Lent again. It should start sometime around 5 p.m. and finish before the Stations of the Cross. Dave Longtine will be in charge again this year. They plan on requesting donations to cover the costs.

Highland Haven Breakfast sponsored by Men's Club/K of C had great volunteer turnout and was well received by residents. Lloyd brought up possibility of hosting breakfast once a month/six weeks, particularly during winter months, Oct. –April.

Worship/Evangelization-Jan Tighe. Bible Study will continue Sunday 7-9 p.m. until April 22nd. Around 80 people are participating.

The Quilt Presentation was at all Masses on January 13/14. Well received by parish members.

Friends in Faith is meeting on the last Thursday of the month. Good attendance of 15-20 people and well received by participants.

Newsletter will be out before Ash Wednesday, Feb. 16th weekend.

RCIA schedule: Rite-of-Election, Sunday, February 25th at 9 a.m. Mass and required visit to the Cathedral 5 p.m. RCIA Learning Mass Wednesday, Feb. 28th 7 p.m. and is also open to parish members. First Scrutiny Saturday, March 10 at 5 p.m. Mass. Second Scrutiny Sunday, March 18th at 9 a.m. Mass. RCIA Retreat Wednesday, March 21st at Maryville Retreat Center-No class at church. Third Scrutiny Sunday, March 25th at 11 a.m. Mass.

March Mission: Speaker and Author Vinny Flynn and Family. Sunday March 25th 7 p.m., Monday March 26th 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 27th 7 p.m. with Reconciliation, Wednesday, March 28th 7 p.m. with Benediction and Healing Service.

Stations of the Cross every Friday 7 p.m. during Lent. Middle School will present on March 23rd. Adult Dramatic Presentation March 30th.

Church Census: almost complete. Jan will send a letter to the address on file for those who have still not responded. If there is still no response, can now assume that person/family has moved and will take them off membership list.

Fr. Leo's Flavorings: Father is still working on possible **grant** for the new building.

The Boiler in the new wing of the church is still not fixed. Company ordered new part again and has promised Father that it will be fixed in 10 days. It has been broken since 2nd week of December, 2006.

Helen Hill is still very ill and in a nursing home in Novi area. **David Klott** is hospitalized.

NuWay –Chris Wall: Chris runs an auction similar to Ebay. Father mentioned that it may be a good way to sell some of the unwanted furnishings from the church. He can ask Chris Wall to come in for a presentation if there is need/interest.

New Business: Jan Tighe brought up the possibility of making the banner room into a small religious goods/book store. It would involve reworking the layout of the space and putting in a new door to the outside. Some ideas: soundproof the room for space, ask for volunteers to work, keep open around Masses and specific times during the week, profit possibly donated to Christian Service. Subject opened for discussion/input but not to be decided on just now. Will revisit the subject later this year.