

## **Parish Council Minutes April 27, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Fr. Mike, Dan Murphy, Doug Barger, Dave Schaefer, Ruth Blom, Barb Razzano, Nick Zingarelli, Nancy Woebkenberg, and members of Finance Committee.

**Absent:** Rob Schutter, Tim Snyder, Rick Dieringer, Joe Randolph, Diane Wilson

Opening Prayer led by Nancy Woebkenberg

Minutes from March 23, 2009 were read and approved.

**Faith Direct** – Joseph Ness gave a presentation on electronic giving and offertory enhancement. Key elements that the program offers: mailings which include personalized letter, enrollment form, return envelope and mailing envelope; in pew self mailer; secure online access for enrollment; personalized offertory cards; all auditing and balancing of monthly transaction; wire transfer of monthly collections to individual parish bank accounts; monthly reporting to parish on enrollment results; year-end tax statement to enrollees; research and confidential notification of accounts with failed transactions; toll-free number and website customer service for enrollees and parishes; full compliance with audit, insurance and payment systems regulations. Faith Direct has a guarantee that if, after one year, a parish does not see a giving increase which is greater than their annual investment, Faith Direct will reimburse the entire first year fee. Enrollment forms can be personalized to include special collections for example, Haiti, Easter, Christmas, etc. Faith Direct takes security precautions with a secured server, insurance, and trustee accounts. References of other parishes are provided. Discussion followed presentation regarding other companies like Pledge Direct, using credit cards (moral issue), references and where the funds are for four days. It was decided to look into this further.

**Parish Elections**-Elections will be held the weekend of May 16, 17 after each mass. School board elections will be held at the same time. There are five candidates running for school board and three (maybe four) running for parish council.

**Parish Financials**-Dan Murphy presented March financials, weekly donations, and current EFT contributions. Sunday weekly donations are down, and the trend in giving is at an overall decline. Currently 35 families use EFT for their contributions, consisting of \$51,962 annually which is 6.6% of budget.

**PTO Bylaws**-Doug recommended that we need a signed copy that was approved by Parish Council last, or to accept 8/15/2008 as new bylaws. Doug will contact Diane.

**School Board Bylaws**-Changes were made in the wording of the bylaws with the biggest changes being “To conduct an annual performance review **of** the principal with the pastor...”; and “Each officer’s term shall last **two** years unless the board member’s term is expiring.” A motion was made to accept the changes and unanimously approved.

**Athletic Boosters Code of Conduct**-Changes were made under “Penalties” to state “Any coach who physically abuses another person **may be to will be...**” “Any **coach to player** who physically abuses...” Under “Spectators” is was suggested to add “Be a role model by positively supporting teams and not by shouting instructions or criticisms to the players, coaches, official’s **or other spectators.**” It was suggested there should be penalties for spectators included. The code will be sent back for review.

**School Bullying Code**-The following changes were made: change “Saint” to “**St.**”; “alleged facts” to “**allegations**”; “Retaliation and **intentional submission** of”; in addition to punctuation corrections. It was suggested that the term “Principal” be defined by the school board in case the Principal can not perform his/her duty. A motion was made to accept the changes and unanimously approved.

#### **New Business-**

- ❖ **Haiti**-Fr. Tom Hagan will be here the weekend of May 16-17<sup>th</sup>. The 10 minute video will be presented. There will be receptions held after each mass with the help of parish council.
- ❖ **Ministries**-There is a duplicating of ministries and they need to be streamlined. There is no organization reporting structure. Changes will need to be further discussed.
- ❖ **Signage**-There is no standard parameters for signage-approval of sign, how it looks, how long it can remain, etc. There is a need for some consistency.
- ❖ **Families Helping Families**- Holy Name approached them to receive their help for Fall Festival. There was discussion involving Fall Festival and the GROWS outdoor mass, and parish involvement/participation.
- ❖ **St. Veronica Teacher**- It was brought to the attention of Ruth that a nun is leaving St. Veronica School, which was confirmed by Dan Murphy.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm. The next council meeting will be May 18, 2009.