

Parish Council Minutes **February 23, 2009**

In Attendance: Nancy Woebkenberg, Barb Razzano, Diane Wilson, Doug Barger, Tim Snyder, Ruth Blom, Dan Murphy, Rick Dieringer, Joe Randolph, Rob Schutter, Dave Schaefer & Fr. Mike

Absent: Nick Zingarelli

Guest : Sherry Dumford (second grade teacher), Hank Wolfer (Maintenance Supv.)

Opening Prayer led by Barb Razzano

Minutes from January 26, 2009 were read and approved.

School Car Rider Drop off – Sherry expressed concerns of young children traveling further to their classrooms and feeling safe. She brought up concerns about congestion in the cafeteria as children walk through. Hank was aware of complaints of gridlock on Mt. Carmel Tabasco Rd. from the community and has concerns of continue gridlock and why he wasn't asked his opinion on this topic. After discussion, the current car rider drop off procedure will remain intact for the rest of the current school year. Joe Randolph will consult others, including Hank and Sherry, about possible improvements for the next school year. Dan presented photos and data to show minimal congestion with the current procedure and an increase flow rate of 58% averaging 6.8 cars per minute. It was suggested that students be let into the building at 7:50 a.m. versus 7:55 a.m. to prevent students waiting in buses and cars so long. Sherry stated that teachers are supposed to be in their classrooms at 7:45 a.m. A letter will be sent to the School Principal recommending this time change.

Parish Financials - Dan Murphy presented school drop off change update, January financials, Pledge card update, and School parent survey communication plan.

- Dan presented photos, data and parent letters concerning the new car rider drop off procedure. All were positive with an increased flow rate and improved safety for students. Conclusion is that this simple change benefits both the parish and community.
- The deficit for this fiscal year is on track to be higher than previously reported. Sunday donations are down with the top 10% percent of families giving represent about 40% of the income.
- Over 900 pledge cards were sent out with tax letters. To date, 53 pledge cards have been returned with a pledged net annualized change increase of 21.5%.
- The school parent surveys will be presented to the School Board, Principal, Parish Council, Faculty and parish community during the month of March.

School Board – 4 people attended the open meeting in February, some were Teachers. The Marketing Committee continues to meet. There will be a “School Info Night” on Thursday, April 2nd. The bullying prevention program is in the works. A motion to amend the School Board bi-laws to change the term of the President to two years and to amend the bi-laws to reflect such change was unanimously approved.

Families Helping Families – Ruth Blom (PC) spoke with Kathy Bryll (FHF) about incorporating the G.R.O.W.S. ministry into Families Helping Families since they had overlapping goals/activities. FHF has a good infrastructure so this may work well. Kathy will talk with the FHF ministry at their meeting tonight.

Ministry Reports -

- (Tim) The liturgical choirs have asked to purchase a monitor system for the church so musicians can hear better. Deacon Dan said this purchase was already approved. The wireless microphones for the clergy need to be placed differently for improved sound quality. Diane will order a microphone on a lanyard that can be placed over the head to see if this improves the quality of sound.
- (Doug) Athletic Boosters will be looking for a new President. Mark Dorsey's two year term expires this year.
- (Barb) Bereavement will be moving the ciborium from the tabernacle in the chapel to the tabernacle in the priest sacristy during funerals. This will eliminate the need for a screen.
- (Dan) A new candlelighter is needed in church. Barb, on behalf of the Seniors, will look into ordering a new candlelighter as well as new albs for the servers.

Old Business:

- The Performing Arts bi-law changes were sent back to that committee. All Parish Council recommended changes were agreed upon in addition to a change in section C to read Support the Music Teacher and Parish Music Directors.
- Elections – Elections will take place in May. School Board and Parish Council will run concurrently. School Board will need to change their bi-laws to reflect new timeframe.

New Business:

- PTO – Bi-Laws will be reviewed at next months meeting due to time restraints.
- The webpage is up and running. The marketing team did a wonderful job!
- Fr. Frank's surgery went well. He'll be out approximately 3 weeks.
- A question asking if it possible to do something for Anniversary couples was brought up. This will be forwarded to the Families Helping Families ministry.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m. Joe Randolph will prepare prayer for the March 23, 2009 meeting.