

Parish Council Minutes January 26, 2009

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

Absent: Rob Schutter, Dave Schaefer

Guest : Kathy Bryll & Dawn Duffy – Families Helping Families

Opening Prayer led by Rick Dieringer

Minutes from December 15, 2008 were read and approved.

Haiti Video – A ten minute video about Haiti and Hands Together was shown. This video will be shown the weekend of May 16/17 in conjunction with Fr. Tom's visit.

Families Helping Families – Kathy Bryll & Dawn Duffy introduced their Families Helping Families idea. This ministry would incorporate the Elizabeth Ministry, MATCH, Meals in time of need, outreach services, social events, welcoming new parishioners and providing the newly baptized with blankets. They currently have 17 members and approximately 35-40 volunteers as part of their network. Their main focus will be compassion for families in need. They have been given \$250 by PTO and \$250 from a school jeans day to help with purchasing gifts. A motion was made to establish Families Helping Families as a ministry of St. Veronica. Motion was unanimously approved. PC requested the group create bi-laws to include their mission statement, purpose, officers and organization chart. FHF will be developing a brochure and logo. Inquires should be directed to Dawn Duffy Dawn@kevinduffy.com. Information was included in the bulletin, webpage and GROWS Gazette.

Webpage update – The beta version of the webpage can be review at www1.stveronica.org The live version will be launch in the near future. All PC members are encouraged to review and report any concerns to Diane.

Parish Financials - Dan Murphy presented the December Financials, Ursula Gress Bequest update, Facility list update, Tax Letter with pledge card, Letter to Archbishop, Car rider procedure, and parent survey update.

- We are currently running a deficit for this fiscal year.
- An investment note of \$108,000 has been set up with the Archdiocese.
- The facility list will be reviewed at the next meeting once all quotes are in.
- Tax Letters and pledge cards will be going out this week to all parishioners who donated in 2008.
- A letter was sent to the Archbishop with concerns about Archdiocesan decisions that have a cost impact on the parish.
- The parish has received several complaints about the car rider drop off location and safety issues. After discussion, Parish Council recommended moving the drop off location to the circle which would allow approximately 15 additional cars on the lot and provide a safe drop off zone onto the sidewalk.
- The School Board sub committee team will review the parent surveys and make recommendations. The goal is to have recommendations within 30 days (Feb. 20)

Bi-Laws – School Board will be reviewing and updating their bi-laws. Performing Arts bi-laws were review and suggest changes will be forwarded to this ministry. The PTO bi-laws will be reviewed at a later date.

Old Business:

- Pancake breakfast had a good turnout. \$150.80 was collected in donations which offset the expenses. Thanks to Dave and the team for a job well done.
- School Open House was one of the best ever. A special thanks goes out to the Marketing Committee, School Faculty and all those involved. A total of 54 families. The billboards are up and some of the families commented of seeing them. It was suggested to possibly change the background color behind the logo to blue so the logo will show up better.

New Business:

- Elections – A motion was made to change the School Board Elections to the same date as the Parish Council Elections. Motion was unanimously approved. Parish Council and School Board elections will take place concurrently in May. School Board will change their bi-laws to reflect this change. There will be one School Board position (3 yr term) open for election and one appointed position (3 yr. term). Parish Council will have 3, 3 yr positions open for elections. All were encourage to start soliciting potential candidates. Bio's are due to the parish office in April. Joe Randolph is interested in re-running for Parish Council.
- Bereavement would like to find out if they purchase a screen or something to cover up the Tabernacle during funerals. Dan will look into this. Upon further discussion with Fr. Mike, the ciborium will be moved to the Tabernacle in the Sacristy during funerals.
- FYI St. Bernadette received approval to build a new church.
- Fr. Franks 50th Anniversary is this year. Parish Council will need to come up with ideas on how to celebrate his anniversary.
- Day of Reflection – St. Veronica is sponsoring a Day of Reflection at the Milford Spiritual Center during lent on March 14 from 9-3. All are invited to attend. They need 40 registrants for this day to cover cost. All are encourage to promote this event. Tim Grant is the chairperson.

Meeting adjourned 9:04 p.m. Barb Razzano will prepare prayer for the February 23, 2009 meeting.