

Parish Council Minutes **January 25, 2010**

In Attendance: Dave Schaefer, Anne Birrer, Rick Dieringer, Doug Barger, Barb Razzano, Diane Wilson, Dan Murphy, Rob Schutter, Ruth Blom, Nick Zingarelli, and Fr. Mike

Absent: Tim Snyder, Joe Randolph,

Opening Prayer led by Rick Dieringer

Minutes from December 14, 2009 were read and approved.

President Nomination – No additional nominations were brought forward. Dave Schaefer was unanimously elected as Vice President and will serve concurrently as a Council member and Vice-President for the six month period prior to taking office as President.

Finance Report – Presented by Deacon Dan Murphy. Topics covered were New Pastor search, Update on 4495 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd. property, December financial review, preschool program, Tuition 2010-2011, Faith Direct update, Fire alarm system.

- New Pastor search – A time line was given for the process of selecting a new Pastor. The earliest St. Veronica will be notified as to its new Pastor would be March 25, 2010.
- 4495 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd. – Inspections have been completed and there were 3 areas of concern. Per the contract St. Veronica could walk away from the deal if Parish Council and Finance disapproved. After discussion, a motion to walk away from the purchase of 4495 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd carried. There was one abstention. A letter will be sent to the realtor.
- December Financial Review – Projected \$60,000 deficit. Current cash position is good. December collections are slightly above those the same time last year. Bingo revenue is tracking \$10,000 higher than the budgeted amount.
- Preschool Program – St. Veronica will offer a preschool program for the 2010-2011 school year for 4 year olds. There will be a 2 day (\$150 month), 3 day (\$175 month) and 5 day (\$215 month) program offered.
- 2010-2011 tuition – There will be no increase in tuition for Kindergarten ½ day or full day program. Elementary tuition will increase \$195 per student. Registration fee will be reduced by \$35 to \$150 per family due at time of registration. Student fees of \$150 per family can be paid in full by May 15 or financed with tuition. Book fees are now incorporated into the student fee. The current student count is 484.
- Faith Direct – As of January 25 there are 53 families enrolled in this program and they represent 5.9% of families that contributed in 2009. We have 10 non faith direct enrollees. It was recommended to increase promotion to use Faith Direct.
- Fire Alarm System – Upgrades are needed on the current fire alarm system. We are currently using Cintas as our alarm company but have old Simplex equipment and three different fire zones. A motion to upgrade/replace the fire alarm system as Deacon Dan Murphy deems appropriate was unanimously approved. We could re-coup cost in 18 months.

School Open House – The School Open House was a huge success with over 51 families that came through. The parish office received 5 new parish registrations immediately following the Open House. The billboards were very professional and nicely done. The community also allowed us to advertise in three different locations on their marquees. Many thanks to the Marketing Committee who did an outstanding job. Dave Schaefer will contact the Marketing committee and ask that they send out thank you letters to the local businesses that advertized our open house on their signage.

Terms ending – There will be 3 – three year positions and 1 – one year position available on Parish Council in 2010. Tim Snyder, Nick Zingarelli, Rick Dieringer and Dave Schaefer's (one year) terms will be ending. Rick has decided to run again in 2010. Parish Council needs to start soliciting for new members now. The School Board will have one elected position (Beth Martin) and one appointed position (Don DeMaria) terms ending this year.

Old Business

- **New Logo** – Deacon Dan Murphy will follow up with the Marketing Committee on the new logo.
- **Electronic Signs** – Rob Schutter has received information on electronic signs. The cost ranges from a low of \$5,000 up to \$25,000.
- **Music Director Position** – Deacon Dan will pursue position posting.

New Business

- Fr. Len Wenke, the President of the Priest Personnel Board, will be meeting with Parish Council at our next meeting on Feb. 22nd. The Archdiocese had forwarded a series of five questions to be answered by parish leaders. The responses to the five questions have been combined and members from Parish Council will review responses then come up the best answer for each question. Question 1 – Rob Schutter & Dave Schaeffer, Question 2 – Ruth Blom & Doug Barger, Question 3 – Rick Dieringer & Tim Snyder, Question 4 – Nick Zingarelli & Barb Razzano, Question 5 – Anne Birrer & Joe Randolph. Parish Council will also need to think about what parish would like to see in a new Pastor and what we would not be looking for.
- Parish Center Sound System – A new sound system is being installed in the Parish Center. The Performing Arts Boosters had \$5,000 in donations as well as donations from PTO (\$5,000), Holy Name Society (\$1,000), Athletic Boosters (\$1,000). Loud & Clear will be installing the system.
- Haiti – After the devastating earthquake, our parish will be collecting money for Hands Together for the people of Haiti. Fr. Tom is ok and will rebuild his community.
- Scott Campbell, a St. Veronica parishioner, will be offering his book “The Ten Testaments” free of charge to St. Veronica parishioners. Information will be included in the bulletin.
- Kaldy house next to the modular – is vacant and in need of clean up. Rob Schutter will contact the county.
- Snow days and the usage of the Parish Center – due to safety concerns, the Parish Center will not be open for early practices if school is called off. If road conditions and parking lot clearing permits, regular schedule practices may take place. The Parish Center closings will be listed on the TV stations.

Next meeting is February 22, 2010. Fr. Len Wenke will be present. Nick will lead us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.