

Church of the Holy Spirit

Parish Council Minutes

January 15, 2007

In attendance: Father Helfrich, Sue Monczynski, Tom Salamida, Mike Piacentino, Adam Calcagno, Mary Frumusa, Alice, Winter, Vinny Amuso, Grace Costich-Schlageter, Chuck Mertz, John Marchand

Absent: Chris Gaudieri

Resigned: Peri Samikkannu

Guest: Sarah Guarnere

Call to Order: 7:22pm

Opening Prayer offered by Father Helfrich

Parishioner Open Forum

- Sarah Guarnere, a parishioner, has a rosary apostolate that she would like to bring to our parish. As a stewardship project she would like to give to each parishioner a handmade rosary, a green scapular, a rosary prayer card, and an article on the family rosary. She needs help stringing the rosaries. She will supply all the materials. Sue Monczynski will make a flyer to be stuffed into the bulletins explaining the apostolate and how parishioners can get involved. Mike Piacentino will talk with Tony Ferrera about involving the older kids in the faith formation classes. There will also be blurbs in the bulletin.
- Suggestion Box item about Christmas decorations. Alice Winter will address the issues.

New Business

- The March Parish Council meeting will be changed to March 11th.

Father's Forum

- Nametags and greeters. Sue will have the nametags done by this Saturday. Parish Council members to act as greeters before the Mass which they attend. Parish Council member should check with ushers to see if the usher has asked anyone to bring up the gifts during the

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offertory procession. If they have not, the Parish Council greeter should ask as parishioners enter, and let the usher know that you have found someone for the task.

- Building Projects. There is a need for a distinction between building projects and ongoing maintenance of the building. New carpet will be installed in early summer.
- Father needs to contact diocese to help come up with a plan for the new entrance that fits our budget.
- Casino bus trip fundraiser- tabled until next month.
- Lenten Soup dinners on February 22, 29 and March 14. Parish Council to help with the set up, serving, and clean up on March 14. Sue to find out exactly what time we need to be there.
- Lent theme is Alive in the Spirit. Bishop Clark's video to be used for the Parish Council opening prayer in February, March, and April.

Open Forum

- Sue- would like to see the picnic moved to a park. She will check on available dates at area parks.
- Mike- asks about the directory. Sue will call Shari to set up the pictures to be taken in May.
- Chuck was asked by parishioners about a financial statement. Alice said it will be in this coming weekend's bulletin (Jan20). He also asked about a cone in the corner of the church, Father said it is to warn people about wrinkle in the carpeting. He also asked about the cobwebs.
- Grace- questioned the car that parks near the entrance of the church during 12 Noon Mass.
- Vinny- most comments from people after the last communiqué were positive. Any parish council member can join him this weekend, when he will again be available after each Mass.

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- Mike- will be putting the St. Michael's prayer, to be approved by Father Helfrich, on the back of the hymnals.

Closing prayer offered by Father Helfrich

Adjournment at 8:58.