

## **Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of October 15, 2007**

**In Attendance:** Father Dave, Father Joe, Judd Mellot, Bob DeSimone, Erin Halsey, Kevin Smyth, Andy Carney, Woody Wood, Claire Budnik, MJ Bruno, Moira Barber, John Wagner, Florence Loch, Ronalee Grant, Kathy Coyne, and Rich Vicenzi.

Judd Mellott led the council in prayer and reflection in the church.

Minutes from the September 10 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

**Men's Group:** Men of Faith and Action meets every Saturday morning from 7-8:30. Average attendance is 10-12. The group is posting an announcement in the bulletin this weekend to recruit more members.

**Bible Study:** The fall session started on October 2 and meetings are held Tuesday mornings after 9:00 Mass and again on Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Attendance averages 25 per session.

**Parish Festival:** FANTASTIC! Thanks to Suzanne Calnon and her team for a job well done!

**Spotlights for Church:** We have three bids ranging from \$12.5 K to \$20K and accepted the lowest bid. The down payment has been approved by the Finance Committee. Bill Groener will meet with the contractor to determine where the 8 spotlights should be positioned.

**Tents for Blacktop and Awning for Walkway:** These are ordered and still in production. We may also look into purchasing a portable heater so the tent will be more comfortable in winter months.

**Rectory Roof:** The roof on the old portion of the rectory has been replaced at a cost of \$4700.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- October 27: Make a Difference Day. The Social Concerns is looking for volunteers to help collect food at Stop and Shop. Food will be donated to local charities.
- November 4: Next GIFT session (Growing in Faith Together). 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and parent(s) are required to attend. Non-Reach parishioners are also encouraged to attend.
- November 18: Women's Guild Bake Sale

- November 25: Confirmation
- December 2: Father Joe's and Father David's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Parish reception from 2-4PM with Mass to follow at 4:30. Invitations are out and plans are well underway.
- January 5-7: Emmaus 30 for juniors and seniors. Rector is Jessica Bruno; Assistants are Woody and Theresa Wood.

## **PARISH PROJECTS:**

### **Current Projects:**

- Newsletter: First issue will be distributed at Thanksgiving.
- Meet the Parish Groups: Will schedule after tent is installed.
- Family Life: Is it possible to do an in-house Family Fun Night (movie and popcorn?) on November 16? Perhaps we can send a flyer to Reach families to gauge interest?
- Sub-committee for New Building: Committee members are Fr. Dave, Judd Mellott, Bob DeSimone, Bob Olson and John Kuzco. They will meet with the Finance Committee and also report to the Pastoral Council on capital improvements.

### **New Projects for Upcoming Year:**

- Norwalk Shelter: Father Joe is looking for volunteers to help paint the dining area at the Norwalk Shelter on Saturday, November 10.
- Americares Homefront: December 28 is the deadline for registering for the May 2008 Homefront project.

The next council meeting will be held on November 12. Father Joe led the council in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claire Budnik  
Council Secretary