

Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of September 10, 2007

In Attendance: Father Dave, Bob DeSimone, Judd Mellott, Erin Halsey, Ronalee Grant, Florence Loch, Claire Budnik, Pat Olson, MJ Bruno, Rebecca Sweeney, John Wagner, Woody Wood, and Rich Vicenzi.

Father Dave led the council in prayer and reflection in the church.

Minutes from the June 11 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Parish Audit: As scheduled, the audit was performed in early July. However, there has been no follow up since. Our parish QuickBooks is now on the diocese common server.

Tents: A 20"x 20" tent with sides is on order and will be purchased with raffle proceeds. We are still looking into purchasing a suitable tent/awning for the walkway at the rear of the church.

Parish Festival: Planning for the September 30 festival is well underway thanks to Suzanne Calnon and her committee. Marketing is generating positive buzz with an impressive Country and Western themed bulletin board in the hallway.

Mass Schedule: Over the summer, some members of the Tuesday AM Men's Coffee Group suggested moving the 10:30 am Mass upstairs. Until we are able to work around other Mass logistics and come up with a permanent solution to our space problem, this suggestion is on hold.

Men's Club: First meeting of the year was held on September 8.

Repairs: There is a leak in the rectory and carpenter ants were also discovered. Repair estimate is \$4,700. We are also obtaining quotes for floodlights for the upstairs Church hallway.

Upcoming Events:

- September 22/23: Julie Coyne will speak at all Masses about Education and Hope.
- September 23: TOTAL opening night
- October 2: Bible Study resumes. Sessions to be held every Tuesday after the 9:00am Mass and again at 7:00pm.
- November 4: Next GIFT session (Growing In Faith Together)
- November 18: Women's Guild Bake Sale

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

Parish Projects:

Current Projects:

- Newsletter: Dan Loch is still in charge and the first issue will be distributed at Thanksgiving.
- Welcome Kits: Father Dave noted more kits are needed; Erin will handle.
- Coffeemaker: Electrical work completed for the installation of the large capacity coffeemaker recently purchased.
- Meet the Parish Groups: Date for next session to be determined pending installation of the tent.

New Projects for Upcoming Year:

- Greening of St. Jerome: Council to look into ways to make St. Jerome a greener parish. We can start with reducing the use of paper, i.e. email versus paper copies where convenient. Rebecca will contact Barbara Bagnato for input and guidance.
- Family Life: Explore opportunities for families to come together more often at church. Movie night was suggested.
- Building and Grounds Capital Improvements: The diocese put a freeze on capital expenditures 1½ years ago. While it is still unclear what the diocese allows, our parish needs to be ready with a comprehensive list of needs.
- Fundraisers to supplement the Annual Car Raffle: Time to introduce a 2nd annual fundraiser perhaps in fall 2008? Ideas discussed include golf tournaments and dinner dance.
- TOTAL council participants: Should we consider adding one or two TOTAL teens to participate in Council meetings?
- Lent 2008 mission: Father Dave has booked the same team that led our 2006 Lenten Mission.

The next council meeting will be held on October 15. Father Dave led the council in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claire Budnik
Council Secretary