

Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of January 14, 2008

In Attendance: Father Dave, Judd Mellot, Bob DeSimone, Kevin Smyth, Florence Loch, Pat Olson, Ronalee Grant, John Wagner, Claire Budnik, Moira Barber, Rebecca Sweeney, Andrew Carney, Woody Wood, and Rich Vicenzi.

Rebecca Sweeney led the council in prayer and reflection in the church.

Minutes from the December 10 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Parish Dinner: Tom Bennett offered to head up and organize a dinner for the parish. Father Dave suggested a Lenten Fish Fry.

Emmaus 30: On the weekend of January 5 and 6, we had a small but awesome group of 7 candidates (The Super Seven) led by Rector Jess Bruno.

Bible Study: The Lenten session will focus on the Gospel of Matthew with the first session starting on Tuesday, February 12.

Men's Group: The core group of 15-16 men is still strong and slowly growing.

Parish Lenten Renewal: The mission team will preach at all the Masses on 3/1 and 3/2 including a special GIFT session on Sunday for our 4th, 5th and 6th graders. The parish renewal mission is March 3-6, both mornings and evenings.

RCIA: This year we have 3 candidates including one who has not been baptized.

2008 Annual Bishops' Appeal: This year the appeal is starting earlier and our parish goal is up from \$66K to \$70K. There is potential for incentive plans for parishes meeting or exceeding total dollar and/or participation goals.

Finance Committee: There is a mandatory meeting for the Finance Council on January 29. To be discussed are plans for implementing the new and tighter controls over handling the offertory collections and to prepare for the audit meeting on February 5.

Sound System Problems: The sound system crashed on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately there continues to be conflict on how to handle upgrades that will keep the house system and the music system functioning in synch. John Leskovsky will continue to work with Altek and if within a month the problems are not resolved, Joan McFarland will look into finding a consultant to handle the music system.

Tents for Blacktop and Awning for Walkway: We are still looking at different approaches. Bob DeSimone suggested looking at carports.

Custodian: Warren is retiring and his replacement will start in February.

Parish Projects:

Current Projects:

- **Sub-committee for New Building:** Woody went to zoning on 1/14/08 and learned that the new building can't be bigger than 25% of the land available for use. We have 6 acres and do not need additional parking. A land survey is required, but Bob DeSimone suggested that we first see if there's one already on record and request a copy.
- **Greening of St. Jerome:** First meeting will be held on January 21 to brainstorm ways to cut down on waste.
- **Americares:** Deposit of \$2,000 is in for our May 3 project. Woody is looking for a volunteer to be coordinator or house captain who will inspect the house and analyze what needs to be done. Father Dave suggested Father Joe.

The next council meeting will be held on March 10. The April meeting will move up to April 21. Father Dave led the council in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claire Budnik
Council Secretary