

## **Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of 12/10/07**

**In Attendance:** Father Dave, Father Joe, Judd Mellot, Bob DeSimone, Florence Loch, Ronalee Grant, Pat Olson, Claire Budnik, MJ Bruno, Moira Barber, Rebecca Sweeney, John Wagner, Woody Wood, and Rich Vicenzi.

Woody Wood led the council in prayer and reflection in the church.

Minutes from the October 15 were reviewed and accepted.

### **Pastor's Report:**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for Fathers Dave and Joe:** Another typical parish event – well attended with representation from all age groups despite the wintry mix weather and of course plenty of food. \$9800 to date has been contributed to the parish on behalf of both priests and it will be spent on liturgical needs within the parish.

**Audit:** The financial audit required of all parishes in the diocese has been completed. The cost to St. Jerome's is \$6200. A meeting is scheduled for February 5 to discuss the results and Fr. Dave, Father Joe and parish accountants will be attending.

**Father Mike Hoag:** This is Father Mike's last year at St. Peter's Prep and there is a possibility that he will be able to stay on with St. Jerome's full-time.

**Spotlights for Church:** Bill Groener expects to have the design work for the new spotlights complete after Christmas.

**Tents for Blacktop and Awning for Walkway:** Per John Kuzco, there seems to be a hold up in production and we may need to explore other options.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **TOTAL:** Emmaus 30 for our juniors and seniors is coming up on the weekend of January 5 and 6. Traditionally, Emmaus weekend includes a Friday night; however the Mistletoe Dance for juniors is also scheduled for January 4. Several of juniors pleaded that perhaps we reschedule for another weekend. Since college students are significant team contributors to the overall success of this retreat, scheduling for a later weekend in January was not a favorable option. Jess Bruno, Rector, came up with a schedule that would eliminate Friday night and allow our juniors to attend both events.
- **Bible Study:** The fall session is complete and we hope to offer another session in the spring.

- **Parish Lenten Renewal:** A Lenten mission is scheduled for 3/1 – 3/6 and will be presented by the same team of two Dominican priests and a nun that visited here in April 2006.

## **Parish Projects:**

### **Current Projects:**

- **Newsletter:** Next issue is well on track and will be published during Lent.
- **Sub-committee for New Building:** A preliminary meeting was held in November to discuss the logistics of building a multi-purpose building for parish functions if/when the diocesan moratorium on capital improvements is lifted. Our parish hall is too small to accommodate many of our current parish events (GIFT, Parish Festival and Car Raffle to name a few). First step will be determining what can and can't be done within the confines of our parish/rectory property.
- **Family Life:** Erin and Father Dave will look into possible dates for a winter movie night.
- **Greening of St. Jerome:** Will schedule a meeting in January.
- **Advent Giving Tree:** Another successful parish project netted 195 Christmas gifts for 65 Christian Community Action Families and 101 presents for Julie's Education and Hope Children.
- **Americares:** Deposit of \$2000 is coming due at the end of December.

The next council meeting will be held on January 14. Father Joe led the council in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claire Budnik  
Council Secretary