

Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of 3/8/10

In Attendance: Father Dave, Kevin Smyth, John Turchick, Tom Rietano, Greg Vetter, Beth Olson, Moira Barber, Bob DeSimone, Florence Loch, and Dick Maiberger.

John Turchick led the council in prayer. Minutes from the January 11 meeting were reviewed, corrected, and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

- **Church Lighting and Sound System** – The lighting and sound system work is now done and working very well. Father Dave is looking for a few more people to learn to run the board.
- **Parish Renewal, March 1-4** - The whole event went very well and there was good turn out for all programs. There was good feedback from parishioners and the event was deemed a success.
- **Parish Lecture on March 26, 2010** – part of the parish anniversary celebration – will be given by Father John Baldovin, SJ and the topic will on the liturgy. He is a wonderful speaker and we need to spread the word and encourage parishioners to attend.
- **Cell Tower** – Father Dave received a registered letter from T-Mobile, the cell phone company, requesting to lease some of the St. Jerome property for one of their phone towers. They would pay \$21,000 annually for the right to have the tower on our property. After a discussion among the council members, with concerns being voiced by many, Father Dave decided to tell T Mobile the answer would be “No”.
- **Bishop's Appeal** – So far \$26,000 has been donated – a very good start to reaching our parish goal of \$70,000.
- **Parish Procedural Audit** – The diocesan review on January 26 basically went fine. Harry Clark has been hired by the parish to take care of any audit issues.

Parish Events –

Bob DeSimone reviewed:

- **Pancake Breakfast /St. Jerome's Got Talent** – February 14, 2010 was very successful. Breakfast was served for 215 people including 140 walk-ins. Good time was had by all.
- **Parish Fish Fry** – will be March 19, 2010. John Davis has volunteered to manage all the cooking and the volunteer sign up is already in good shape. Ticket sellers for after Masses are still needed.
- **Home Makeover Day** – scheduled for May 1, 2010. The hope is to help a parishioner in need.
- **Ministry Sunday** – scheduled for May 22-23, 2010.

Parish 50th Anniversary –

Florence Loch reviewed upcoming Parish 50th Anniversary events:

- **Parish Lecture with Father John Baldovin, SJ** – March 26, 2010
- **Parish Retreat at Mercy Center** – April 17, 2010, with Sister Jane Silk as facilitator.

- **Parish Music Fest** – The Second Wind Band, St. Jerome’s very own musicians, now are scheduled for a Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- **St. Jerome Car Raffle** will be June 5, 2010.
- **Parish Bluefish Baseball Game Day** in June sometime
- **Possible movie night** – movies can be shown in the church using the new sound system. A date for this to be discussed at the next anniversary committee meeting.
- **Parish 50th Anniversary Mass** – September 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., celebrated by Bishop William Lori.
- **Parish Festival** – Sunday, September 26, 2010 at Cranbury Park.

Parish Council Elections:

- Nominations for council members will be opened on the weekend of April 10-11, 2010 and will close on Sunday, April 25, 2010.
- There are six positions to fill.
- Kevin Smyth, Florence Loch, and Bob DeSimone will make calls to all nominees.

Next meeting is April 12, 2010. Father Dave led the council in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Moira Barber
 Pastoral Council Secretary