

## **Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of 6/14/2010**

**In Attendance:** Bob DeSimone, John Turchick, John Davis, Florence Loch, Father Dave, Regina Flaherty, Alex Sgoutas, Tom Rietano, Dick Maiberger, Pat Olson, Moira Barber, Katie Corasaniti, Beth Olson.

Father Dave led the council in prayer. Minutes from the May 10, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Welcome was given to the recently re-elected council members, Regina, Beth, John Turchick, and Tom Wagner. There was a special welcome to the newly-elected members, Katie Corasaniti, John Davis, and Alex Sgoutas. A sincere "thank you" was given to departing members Kevin Smyth and Tom Bennett.

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

- **Bishop's Appeal** – The parish exceeded its goal.
- **Car Raffle** – The June 5<sup>th</sup> annual car raffle went very well. The evening event was well attended, good food, a fun social night and a profit of \$30,000 was realized from the raffle. Next year there will be new leadership for the raffle, Karen Christenson will be the chairperson. Also, next year's raffle may be a cash raffle instead of a car raffle. There is some discussion about continuing to have the event at All Saint's School. Many volunteers are required (cooking, set up and clean up) and there is no air conditioning. A possible change in venue will be explored for next year.
- **Women's Guild** – Father Dave announced that the three leaders of the St. Jerome's Women's Guild are retiring. The guild gave a gift of \$2,000 to the parish.

### **Other Events**

- The end of the year Social Concerns dinner will be held tomorrow night, June 15<sup>th</sup> for 24 people.
- The St. Jerome Parish Festival will be held on September 26, 2010. The first planning meeting will be held later this week with Suzanne Calnon as chairperson.
- The St. Jerome 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be September 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Lori in attendance.
- Bob DeSimone updated the council on the Americares event that was cancelled at the last minute.
- The recent Hospitality weekend was well attended and resulted in good sign ups by parishioners. Maybe we will do this again in the fall.

## **Parish 50th Anniversary**

- Florence Loch reported on the parish 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. The anniversary book is coming together and will be out in December 2010. There will be a Golf Tournament held at Oak Hill Golf Course on July 6, 2010, with lunch being served at the Laurel's Club. Also scheduled is the outing at a Bridgeport Bluefish game on July 11, 2010. Forty people have already signed up.
- There was discussion about a simple reception in the church hall after the 50th Anniversary Mass on September 19.

## **Building and Grounds Improvement**

Regina Flaherty reported on the recent Building and Grounds walk about the church property. Some really exciting recommendations were put together by the group of experts who participated. Regina showed us some of the different things that were put in drawings. We should put together a "Wish List" of the things we would like to do that might be realistic. Maybe this could be started as a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project with donations from the parish.

## **Ideas for the Next Council Year**

Bob DeSimone led a discussion about some ideas for next year council year. Possible bingo and young adult activities, and a parish Face book seminar are some of the ideas.

## **Election of Council Officers**

Regina Flaherty and John Turchick accepted nomination for Co-chairs of next year's council and quickly were elected unanimously for the position. Katie Corasaniti was elected Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maira Barber  
Secretary