

Parish Council Meeting
February 25, 2008

Present: Fr. Eric, Rob Reid, Dan Meade, Karen Rahe, Kim Cole, Kathy Walsh, Anne Schultz, Dan Cole, Jen Buse, Dan Dalton

Absent: Mickey Buller

Opening Prayer: Fr. Rick

Corrections identified in January 2008 minutes, corrected and resubmitted with these minutes.

Approval of the minutes for January meeting: Karen Rahe & Dan Meade

Finance Commission Report by Dan Cole:

Revenue from July 2007 through January 2008, we are \$57,000 ahead. We are hopeful to have a surplus of \$80,000 this fiscal year. The past five weeks we have had over 600 envelopes at Sunday Masses, more people are going to church. Festival request-a new light at the back of the old gym, asking the parish to pay for installation. Dan Cole will get more pricing information, but initially PC agreed to install. Dan also asked that we consider landscaping at the end of the upper lot. Electronic deposit for donations will be available soon.

Education Commission Report read by Jen Buse:

Last meeting was February 5th. Open House went well, few ideas for next year. Possibly looking to add the teacher's accreditation to the information available, they need more tour guides, a lot of families wanted more time with the kindergarten teacher. Step up our brochures etc. Mike Loth is collecting information to introduce an Algebra program for next year. Science lab should be ready for next school year. Mr. Huber has signed the contract with the contractor. Parent's survey-Mr. Huber is benchmarking the result from previous May surveys. There is a push for performance reviews of the teachers. Possibly suggest someone gather survey results to free up Mr. Huber's time. Tera Nova results-cognitive piece lower for St. Jude is showing our scores to be extremely low; Mr. Huber is going to the archdiocese to question the results. Micki Deutenberg is looking into after school clubs that are not sports related such as science club, drama club etc being reviewed. Enrollment figures look similar to this current year.

Worship Commission Report by Fr. Eric:

Preparing for Holy Week and Lenten procedures. Fr. Eric added 3 days of confession: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week 6:00-8:00 PM. Fr is also hearing school confessions.

Booster Report by Rob Reid:

No report received. Open positions still available.

PTO report by Kim Cole:

Fashion Show was a huge success, possible \$10,000 profit. Penny Race ½ way mark is Wednesday. The donations will be donated to St. Michael's. In years past we raised \$2200. Grandparent's Day is scheduled for March 7th; the teacher's are preparing the rooms. Gift certificate program is looking to find someone to take over the program. \$12,000 Kroger since the first of the school year. Open positions: President, Vice President, and Corresponding secretary.

Past business: Website-we need to keep up to date and list open PC positions (Vice President & Secretary). Elections will be first two weekends in May to vote. We may consider putting slips in the pews to increase the voting. Parish Council members are asked to approach at least 2 parishioners to join PC. A complaint was received about the snow removal on the church parking lot. The person feels the parking lot is not getting cleaned quickly enough.

Marriage Prep-Fr. Eric received an email about getting married at St. Jude. We are trying to identify the criteria we want to put in place for couples to be married at St. Jude. The list is in the bulletin, and other publications. The decision was made that they need to be a "registered, active parishioner".

Pastor's Report by Fr. Eric:

Growing Mass attendance may play a part in First Communion Mass, especially the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass. March 6th there will be an impromptu meeting to discuss how to handle in future years. Penance Service tomorrow at 7:00 PM, total of 6 priests to be on hand. "Getting to know you" program is part of Bill Shinkal's Master's project. Each person will talk for 2-3 minutes giving their history; a social time and last hour Fr. Eric will talk about his goal for St. Jude. These gatherings will take place in April & May, evening hours at parishioners homes from 7:00-9:00 PM, some Saturday's also. The Traveling Monstrance-the wrong date was published in the Cincinnati Catholic Telegraph. We did have good attendance even with the bad weather.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eric

Next Meeting Monday, March 24, 2008 @ 7:30 PM.