

MINUTES
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2005

Present: Fr. Arrando, Mary McCormack, Donna Strosser, Carol DelliCarpini, Paul Valeri, Janice Rudisill, Dennis Rodney, Ed Smythe

Absent: Ross Rizzo

Opening Prayer: Donna Strosser

Pastor's Report:

- Crossroads brochures are going out to all parishioners.
- The core team is formed and the program is being laid out.
- The presentation is almost finished and will be presented at masses on Apr 9 & 10.
- First event will be May 22
- Cost will be ~\$225 for a family to cover material crafts, meals etc. Scholarships will be available.
- 150 families are targeted.

Christian Education and Formation -Carol DelliCarpini:

- No report
- In the future at Carol's suggestion a reminder will be sent to enable timely collection of report data.

Parish and Community Life – Donna Strosser:

- Family mass will be Apr 16. Jun, Jul, Aug will skip.
- Holy Name conducted a pasta dinner to attract membership and gained one member. They are going to do an email weekly newsletter to boost membership.
- Gregorian – will do an article on Crossroads and one on the Carnival.

Christian Services – Janice Rudisil

- Volunteer center – starting up. As volunteers arrive they will be connected with clients.
- Janice received a suggestion for a walk a thon in the spring to raise money for cancer. We could use the church property so as to avoid City permits and insurance issues. Have some hot dogs at the end. She is planning to organize. The particular charity will have to supply their credentials and advise where the money is going.
- Carnival is scheduled for Aug 9 – 14. Raffle tickets will be available May 15.
- Tag Sale is Apr 23,

Administrative Services – Ross Rizzo (via Fr Arrando):

- The parish is losing \$70-80K per year; we need to increase the offertory. Two letters are being drafted by the Finance Committee to do this. They will be sent out as soon as the Bishop's campaign is finished (Jun 1).
- The Capital campaign is running a surplus of about \$200K.
- The School assessment is increased by \$42K, putting a significant burden on the parish.

Spiritual Life and Worship:

- Dennis Rodney joined the Council.

Vice -Chairpersons comments – Paul Valeri:

- Old Rectory 2nd floor is being remodeled.
- Potholes in the parking lot need repair – will patch for now.
- Carnival parking area needs repair – item for Ross.
- Items in the basement need to be sorted out and disposed of.
- Old Rectory first floor remodeling needs to be planned out. Paul and Ross to meet with Fr A to accomplish this.

Prayer's for next meeting (May 16 at 7 PM): Carol and Ross

- Next Exec Council meeting is May 2 at 7 PM.

Prior month's minutes:

- The Jan 24, 2005 minutes were reviewed and with minor edits were deemed acceptable. Paul made a motion to accept them it was seconded and passed.

Closing Prayer: Paul Valeri