

Minutes
St. Gregory the Great Parish
Meeting April 26, 2004

Present: Father Angelo, Kathy Kelly, Steve Crespo, Janice Rudisill, Donna Strosser, Ed DeVeaux, Rocco Colucci, and Pat Murphy.

Absent: Paul Valeri

Opening Prayer: Pat Murphy

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Steve reminded everyone about the timeline. There was a change in the dates for the nominations. We had to go back one week, as the original week that was chosen was Mother's Day weekend. Janice will make the forms for parishioners to cast a nomination on. Steve will contact John Anderson and alert him of the change.

Committee Reports:

Christian Service Committee:

Janice Rudisill

- ✓ Janice notified every one of the dates for this year's carnival. Tuesday, August 10th through Saturday, August 14th.
- ✓ First Holy Communion will be divided in two upcoming weekends. Sunday, May 16th and Saturday, May 22nd. Council members are to be present to assist in passing out the certificates.

Building Project:

Paul Valeri

Since Paul was not present, Father Angelo provided a report.

- ✓ Recent minor glitches. No heat, but it has been resolved.
- ✓ The driveway paving was delayed due to the rain.
- ✓ Otherwise everything else is fine.

Christian Education and Formation:

Pat Murphy

- ✓ The last "Pasta and Padre" of the season went well, but had low attendance. The next meeting will be in the fall.
- ✓ Pat discussed "Christian Unity of Women". The diocese does something called the "Magnificat". A fellowship of women. They partake in singing, praying, and a sense of unity. Pat would like to explore this further.

Parish and Community Life:

Donna Strosser

- ✓ Regarding the landscaping of the new rectory – Josephine Luicci is unable to take on anymore work. However, Donna did receive a name and believes it will work out. Pat knows someone who may be able to help out as well.
- ✓ No response was received on Donna's ad regarding The Gregorian. There was a discussion of topics and ways of organizing the paper. Kathy requested that The Gregorian be a consistent agenda item. This way the Council can discuss and explore topics. Donna suggested that for September we have an article entitled "Meet the Council".
- ✓ Donna asked if the "old rectory" is going to be used as a meeting place? Father Angelo said yes.
- ✓ Family Mass – The last one will be in May. Then it will continue in the fall. Donna suggests that the whole process be rethought. Kathy will cover the month of May as Donna will be away.

Spiritual Life and Worship:

Rocco Colucci

- ✓ Rocco wanted to know why we are now standing after communion. Father stated it was a decision of the American Bishops.
- ✓ We must remember that receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is a communal act. It is a common celebration for the entire assembly worshipping together. It is also a sign of respect.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Angelo

- ✓ Holy Week was wonderful. Four new people came into the church.
- ✓ We are very close to our goal for the Bishop's Appeal. Father made the bulk of the calls. He asked Council members to call a few parishioners to finish up this year's appeal.
- ✓ There are rules for the "old rectory". They are as follows:
 - ✓ Only approved Parish groups can use the facility.
 - ✓ The kitchen is not to be used by Parish staff.
 - ✓ Use of the kitchen is to be signed out.
 - ✓ The kitchen is to be kept clean.
 - ✓ Groups are to remove any food brought in.
 - ✓ All garbage is to be removed.
 - ✓ The furniture is to be put back where it was found.
 - ✓ The windows are to be closed when done (if opened).
 - ✓ Groups are to bring their own plates and utensils.
 - ✓ Nothing is to be removed from the Kitchen or old rectory.
 - ✓ Whoever has the key maintains the responsibility for following and upholding these rules.

Pastor's Report Continued:

Fr. Angelo

- ✓ Father Angelo would like an item added to the agenda – The Family of God. This is a total Faith Community Alternative for providing Faith Formation for St. Gregory's. It will be ongoing and is a work in progress. Father hopes that everyone will come to terms with it, as this is a major undertaking.
- ✓ Our Parish will be profiled in the Fairfield Catholic in June.

Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2004 @ 7:00pm in the old rectory.

Please submit any reports to me by May 3, 2004.

Closing Prayer: Rocco Colucci

Respectfully submitted: Steve Crespo