

**Minutes**  
**St. Gregory the Great Parish**  
**Meeting May 24, 2004**

**Present:** Father Angelo, Steve Crespo, Janice Rudisill, Donna Strosser, Paul Valeri, Rocco Colucci, and Pat Murphy.

**Absent:** Kathy Kelly and Ed DeVeaux

With Kathy and Ed absent, Steve chaired the meeting.

Father asked that the Opening Prayer be delayed.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Pastor's Report:**

**Fr. Angelo**

- ✓ We have made our assessment for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. \$86,000. We went over by around \$100.00.
- ✓ Bishop Lori challenged eighteen parishes to go 50% over their goal. Seventeen parishes were able to accomplish that task. This year Father made most of the calls.  
Look in this June's issue of *Fairfield Catholic*. The featured parish is Saint Gregory's. The article is very nice. However, the photographer started taking pictures right in the middle of a Mass. Father was opposed to that and filed a complaint.
- ✓ The parish is doing well. We might end the year in the "black".
- ✓ The new rectory is doing well.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building Project:**

**Paul Valeri**

- ✓ The rectory is in place. We continue to discover bugs, but all are being fixed ASAP.
- ✓ The driveway paving is complete. A parish family donated it.
- ✓ Some of the plantings did not last through the winter. The nursery will stand behind their work and all dead plants will be replaced.
- ✓ Our final adjusted accounting for the rectory will be forthcoming.

**Christian Service Committee:**

**Janice Rudisill**

- ✓ We have an elderly couple in need of transportation. Six people offered.
- ✓ June 15 is the planning meeting for the Thanksgiving Interfaith Service.

**Parish and Community Life:****Donna Strosser**

- ✓ Donna asked Paul for notes on maintenance of the grounds.
- ✓ We have a volunteer to do the groundskeeping at the new rectory.
- ✓ Donna has a volunteer to do the typing for the Gregorian. We are finally making progress. Looking at quarterly issues, with the same format.
- ✓ There were some problems with seniors regarding the calendar. They use the gym on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. There was a conflict that resulted in one group being asked to go to the old rectory. Father said the problem has been solved.
- ✓ During the summer hiatus we should rethink the Family Mass.
- ✓ Steve is to assist Donna with the new calendar software.

**Spiritual Life and Worship:****Rocco Colucci**

- ✓ Rocco was present and had nothing to report.

**Christian Education and Formation:****Pat Murphy**

- ✓ The last "Pasta and Padre" of the season went well. The next meeting will be in the fall.
- ✓ Pat discussed with MaryAnn Houser a suggestion to unify the school board with Faith Formation. Father says "no". The school is regionalized. That makes two separate entities. "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.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to explaining the Council to the nominees.

**Opening Prayer:** Father Angelo

Father discussed the Saint Gregory Lay Advisory Council. He said we have a wonderful Council. Our Constitution was written in 1991. The Council assists Father Angelo. The Council is the heart of the Parish.

The Council is made up of an Executive Committee, and five Sub-Committees. The Executive Committee meets monthly, and the full Council meets every other month. Meetings are open to all, but only Council members can vote. We have an opening and closing prayer. The Council does a lot of work. The Council is the advisory body of the Parish. Input to Father comes from the Council. We also have a Board of Trustees and fellow Clerics.

Father passed out the Mission Statement and Constitution. Father continued with his wish for the Family of God. He would like to have a group of about 75-100 people consisting of families to participate in this monumental format. He also wants evangelization to be part of the Council this fall.

Father departed and an open discussion took place between the Council members and the nominees.

**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.

**Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2004 @ 7:00pm in the old rectory.**

**Please submit any reports to me by June 14, 2004.**

**Closing Prayer:**

Respectfully submitted: Steve Crespo