

Minutes
St. Gregory the Great Parish
Meeting June 6, 2002

Present: Father Arrando, Kathy Kelly, Steve Crespo, Pat Murphy, Ed DeVeaux, and Joanne Murphy

Absent: Mark Edwards, Frank Dorrico, and MaryLou Cuff.

Special Guests: Joe Dise of the Building Committee
John Anderson of the Nomination Committee
Rocco Colucci – Nominee
Paul Valeri - Nominee

Minutes: Steve Crespo

Opening Prayer: Steve Crespo

We began the meeting with the introductions of Council members, John Anderson, and the nominees Rocco Colucci and Paul Valeri.

Review Minutes:

- ✓ The Minutes from our last meeting were approved with corrections to the nomination timeline.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Arrando

- ✓ Father discussed his thoughts on the Council from his point of view.
- ✓ The Parish is currently in good shape.
- ✓ Youth group continues to do well.
- ✓ First Holy Communion was wonderful. Father received great feedback.
- ✓ As of July 1, 2002, Father will be the new president of ARC. He will be the first Catholic to hold this post. ARC will also be changing its Statement of Faith and Purpose to coincide with the times. They will also be seeking corporate sponsors as ARC runs into a deficit every year. There will also be monthly press releases to keep everyone informed.
- ✓ Father attended the Bishop's meeting. There was discussion of a Sex Abuse Task Force. The Bishop was honest and open. Father was impressed with the way the meeting went.

Building Committee Report:**Joe Dise**

- ✓ Joe says people are waiting to see some construction taking place.
- ✓ Plans for the new rectory are being redone. Joe has been in contact with Jerry Hatcher from Westchester Modular. They believe the new rectory could be priced for less than the original cost without cutting corners. Father emphasizes that no changes can be made to the original layout. Otherwise we will have to start from scratch with the Diocese. We don't want to have to go before their Building Committee again as there is a two-year wait. The savings will allow us to build a "shell" for the Parish Center. The shell would initially contain only the Parish offices. A suggestion was made that once the "shell" was erected we could possibly have skilled parishioners finish it off. This would also save money.
- ✓ Joe is also working on pricing out the balance of the work to be done, and wants to get the word out to the parishioners ASAP. He believes that if he, Paul Valeri, and Tony Lucera are the General Contractors for the project there can be a significant savings in the entire cost. But he cautions in order to be sure of this we must have proper numbers.
- ✓ Kathy also cautions that we must fully explain the difference in price to the parishioners.
- ✓ Joe emphasizes that a positive effort has been made to realize this project. He will also be happy to set up a booth at the carnival to discuss the Building Project with anyone.

Spiritual Life and Worship:**Joanne Murphy**

- ✓ Joanne has an interested party to handle Pro Life for the Parish. They are checking into it.

Parish and Community Life:**Pat Murphy**

- ✓ Pat discussed a letter she composed to all Parish groups. The letter was an explanation of the new program regarding the Calendar.
- ✓ Pat also submitted a year-end report for her committee. Pat's major responsibility was the scheduling of events for our Parish calendar. This included making sure that fair and equitable use of the Parish facilities were provided to all groups. This year we lost Carol DelliCarpini, our Parish Secretary. She was most valuable in helping out with the calendar. Sue Garufi replaced Carol. Sue has been very helpful in letting Pat know about possible conflicts before they became major concerns. Pat was able to complete scheduling with a minimum of problems.
- ✓ Another area Pat worked on was Parish Social Life. During the past year Pat has worked with the Building Committee for the new rectory and parish center. She has also worked with Barbara Bozeman on the Flea Market.
- ✓ Pat summarized they year as a profitable one.

Christian Education and Formation:

Mary Lou Cuff

- ✓ The last On Good Soil meeting was about acting as a team – a community of faith. We need to remember that adults need catechesis, too. That means getting Father involved. We want to help young mothers and every other adult seeking prayer and fellowship. However, this plan will not work without everyone's help.

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Administrative Services:

Mark Edwards

- ✓ Mark was absent and no reports were received.

Christian Services Committee:

Frank Dorrico

- ✓ Frank was absent and no reports were received.

New Business:

- ✓ Biographies of the nominees were turned into John Anderson. We have received three biographies. We will need a fourth. There were people who were nominated, but not called. Perhaps John can call those people and ask if they would like to participate.

Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2002 @ 7:00pm.

Closing Prayer: Father Arrando

Respectfully submitted: Steve Crespo