

## Parish Council Minutes January 28, 2008

**Present:** Father Angelo, Ed Smythe, Janice Rudisill, Peggy Foster, Stephanie Martin and Suzanne Wilcox

**Absent:** Peter Buzaid, Andy Miller

Father opened with a Prayer

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the May 21 and Sep 17 2007 meetings. Janice made the motion, Ed seconded and all approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

The Annual Bishop's Appeal will be \$100,000 for the parish, plus the \$7,000 shortfall we had from last year for a total of \$107,000.

The Christmas collection was about \$40,000 which put us in the black for the year end.

The Diocese' new financial reporting system was presented to the Finance Committee on Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Fr Arrando, Roger Gavagan, Peter Buzaid, Ed Smythe, Drew Miller, Rich McDonough and Mary Paladino.

We were audited in the spring and the results are now expected to be presented to us in February, Drew will advise of the date.

Council re-elections: the three members up for re-election have all agreed to an extension, they are Ed, Janice and Karen.

### **General Discussion**

Dates were agreed for the **next meetings** as follows:

Exec Council	Full Council
Mar 3	Mar 31
May 5	May 19
Sep 8	Sep 22
Nov 3	Nov 17

**Soup and ...** will be held Wednesday Feb 13.

The Parish **Pasta dinner** will be held Sunday April 6 at 1 PM. It was suggested we would raffle off the centerpieces for the benefit of the youth group.

Carol Zinser submitted her resignation as **youth minister** and Father has appointed Anthony Hellmann as her replacement.

### **Anniversary planning**

We must: start up committees: Church refurbishment, Fund raising, Activities, Anniversary book, family photo album, cook book.

**Parking lot lights** were discussed, the bulb on the chapel side has been replaced and that lot is now adequately lit. The lot on the Alhambra side has light from its own luminaire as well as some illumination from the lights on the school building. Nothing more can be done without disrupting the newly paved parking lot.

**Refurbishment day:** Father asked **Drew to organize** a refurbishment day once the weather gets a little better. This is envisioned as a “party” where we all spruce up the church building. Janice will compile a list of volunteers. She mentioned Nick Carbone and John Rudisill were interested, and Ed Smythe also volunteered.

Janice offered that we should start **out reach committee**. There are many people in our parish that could use some help, meals, a ride, or some minor repairs. She wanted to start this committee by sending out a flyer, collecting names of people who are willing to help be on a handy list to call as needed. Have the council find group leaders to be in charge of:

1. Meals
2. Rides
3. Home Repairs
4. and any other category we can think of.

Father said he had and will give to me a flyer to get it started.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

### **Community Life**

Karen said the calendar is working out quite well.

### **Administration**

As Drew couldn't make the meeting this report was delayed.

### **Spiritual Life**

See attached report from Suzanne.

**Social Concerns**

Stephanie said they served 150 turkeys at Thanksgiving, that the Christmas tree gifts were very successful this year with 15 families being helped and extra gifts going to the CACD.

**Christian Education:**

See attached report from Peggy..

Next Meeting will be March 3 Executive Board  
March 31 Full Council Meeting

Suzanne did the closing prayer.

In Him,

Ed

Ministry Report: Spiritual Life and  
Worship January 28, 2008

Purpose: to aid in the planning and providing for the spiritual development of each member of the parish through liturgical celebrations, significant experiences, and spiritual growth programs.

- **Retreats, Prayer Groups and Special Activities**

**Parish Lenten Mission:** Conducted by Dominican Preachers -  
March 10, 11, 12, 13

**God at Work In Our Lives** is a group discerning together how to live contemplatively and compassionately on a day to day basis. We gather once a month on the last Tuesday to share with one another how God has been leading us during the past month.

**Benedictine Experience: Holiness for Our Times** is a retreat to be held at Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland NY on October 30-November 2. Details to follow.

**Daily Meditations on the scriptures.** To be posted in the Parish Bulletin <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>

-Maybe on the Parish Website

Suzanne Dale Wilcox

St. Gregory the Great Advisory  
Council Faith Formation Report  
Monday, January 28,2008

Update on Faith Formation - Carol Zinser has resigned from her position with the Jr High Faith Formation Group. There has been an active, but informal search in process since September.

CROSSROADS - total members, including team members, is 26 adults and 7 children.

Evening Scripture Study is going well. 5 steady members with inquiries still coming in.

Mary's Circle:

A new group for mothers of young children is beginning with an organizational meeting Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and meeting every other Friday after that (with allowances for school vacations). "Mary's Circle" is for mothers of children ages birth to three. Brenda Orr is our volunteer coordinator and is enthusiastic and on fire with the challenge. MOMS ministry materials from Resource Publications (the group that developed the materials used for Celebrate the Lectionary at the 10:30 Mass) are being used.

The challenge is finding baby sitters available on Friday mornings. Members of our seniors' group felt they were too old. If you know of anyone who would be interested, it'd only be a commitment of 3 hours/month, every other Friday.

Peggy Forster