

MINUTES
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING OF Nov 13, 2006

Council Members Present: Ed Smythe, Peter Buzaid, Janice Rudisill, Andrew Miller, Karen Conover, Fr. Arrando

Opening Prayer: Fr. Arrando

Boy Scouts

George Murphy, Ed DeVeaux, Nat Sciuto and Bart Vosswinkel joined us to discuss the Parish Scouting programs.

The Troop is combined with other groups in the area so it is not exclusively St. Greg's nor is it exclusively Catholic, even though St Greg's is the sponsoring institution.

The Troop is healthy with a current enrollment of 42 boys about one quarter of which are St. Greg's parishioners. . This has maintained level for about five years now. As always there is constant turnover as boys move on at about the age of 15 and are replaced by new young boys.

They will celebrate their 50th anniversary next year

They are always looking for volunteers and new membership.

They camp in the foothills of the Adirondacks, and include Religion as a mandatory part of their training regimen. All boys are expected to express a belief in God and pursue it their own way.

Pastor's Report

Father provided the sad news that Mary McCormack has resigned from the council due to health reasons. We all said a prayer for her prompt recovery, we will miss her.

Peter Buzaid filled the Chairman's role at Father's request.

Peggy Forster joined the Council at this time filling Peter's previous post of Christian Education and Formation.

Confirmation went well.

Rake and Bake had over 200 people and was a great success.

The Bazaar raised \$4000.

A new musician was hired, Alan Raft, and he is working with the Choir now.

Our church roof is leaking and the good news is that it is not caused by the tower window as had been suspected and reported last meeting, nor does the church need an entirely new roof as was advised by some. Paul Valeri was able to work with better contractors to determine that the cause of the leak is the fact that the membrane on the roof was never extended over the parapet (a cost savings during construction of about \$4K). The repairs are now underway and will cost only about \$19K (vs ~\$130K for the whole roof)

St Greg's is hosting the interfaith thanksgiving service on Monday Nov 20th at 7PM in the church. **All council members are asked to be there to greet our guests.** The speaker will be Linda Hansen, pastor of the Unitarian Church. St Greg's kindergarten will provide the music.

Social Concerns

Stephanie sent in a report as she was unable to attend the meeting.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive is working on 125 baskets to be distributed to Daily Bread.

Crossroads – this Sunday is having a coordinating dinner.

Christmas Giving Tree – will be set up the Friday after Thanksgiving and packages will be sorted on Dec 18th.

Administrative Services

The parish email data base is off to a good start as 150 parishioners signed up this past weekend. As others come to the office for various services their email addresses will be added.

New Business

Janice suggested we host a Pasta Dinner for all interested parishioners to attend. It was well received by the Council so a motion was raised, seconded and passed. It will be held on Sunday the 28th of January at 200 PM to 400 PM.

Janice also suggested a movie in the field for the kids when the weather gets better, and a resurrection of the Easter Egg hunt. More on these later.

Janice also commented that the light in the parking lot is poor and that we should look into doing something about it

Next Meeting

Full council will meet at the old Rectory on Jan 15, 2007.

Exec council will also meet on Jan 8, 2007.

Minutes approved

Minutes of the Sep 18 meeting were approved for posting.