

Minutes
St. Gregory the Great Parish
Meeting February 23, 2004

Present: Father Arrando, Steve Crespo, Janice Rudisill, Ed DeVeaux, Paul Valeri, Kathy Kelly and Donna Strosser.

Absent: Rocco Colucci and Pat Murphy

Opening Prayer: Janice Rudisill

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Angelo

- Pasta and Padre is full for this month, and April 25th is half-full.
- Father passed out and discussed the Lenten schedule for this year.
- "Soup & ..." will take place at Saint Gregory's on Wednesday, March 3rd.
- Bible Study will be meeting on Wednesday mornings and will be hosted by Pat Esposito.
- The Lenten Mission will take place from Monday, March 13th thru Thursday, March 18th. Fathers Bob and Ron will be returning. Father is requesting that all Council members be present to assist in the Healing Service on Thursday evening (March 18) at 7:00pm. Father wants a total of fourteen people present for the Healing Service including Council members. Steve will coordinate this.
- Father Phillip came on board on February 2nd. Father Angelo is very pleased to have him, even though for a temporary period.
- Due to all of the recent pedophilia plaguing the Catholic Church, everyone associated with the church will be required to attend a seminar entitled "Protecting God's Children for Adults". The seminar is four hours long and we have been assigned Saturday, April 24th from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
- The burning of the palms will take place on Tuesday evening, February 24th.
- On Sunday, February 29th at 9:00am the Right of Sending will take place for the RCIA and RCIC. Then they will head to Bridgeport along with their sponsors for the Right of Election by the Bishop. Their final commitment will take place at the Easter vigil.
- The Reconciliation Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 13th for the second graders.

Committee Reports:

Christian Service Committee:

Janice Rudisill

- All is quiet with Social Concerns.
- The Free Parish Pasta Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, March 28th at 1:00pm. Due to date conflicts the Easter Egg Hunt will be somehow added to the dinner. It was agreed to have the Easter Bunny hand out eggs to the children at dinner. Janice will advertise this in the Bulletin.

Building Project:

Paul Valeri

- The new rectory is up and running.
- Next is Phase III. Father Angelo, Paul Valeri, Mike Mazzucco, and the Building Inspector (Leo Null) had a meeting involving what is now the old rectory. They also inspected the upper floor and the basement.
- It was decided that the upper floor will be split in half. One side will be for the school library, and the other side will be for the priest's offices. The main floor will be for the staff offices, and the living room and kitchen area will serve as a teen/senior center. Finally, the basement will have space for the school's science lab. Sprinklers will be required in the basement. Much fundraising has been done for the library and science lab, and school parents are ready to assist in their completion. Mike Mazzucco will work on the plans for this.

Christian Education and Formation:

Pat Murphy

- Pat was not present, and no report was received.

Spiritual Life and Worship:

Rocco Colucci

- Rocco was not present, and no report was received.

Parish and Community Life:

Donna Strosser

- The Bellmays have done a wonderful job with the Family Masses, however, they have resigned. The last Family Mass was an embarrassment. We need another family to commit to coordinating future Family Masses, or scale down the event instead of having breakfast, or eliminate the breakfast part entirely. The parishioners will have to be canvassed. Hopefully we can recruit a new family by September.
- Donna would still like to see *The Gregorian* brought back to life. Only this time make it a quarterly issue. Donna will handle it if quarterly. The issues will be in September, December, March, and June. Possibly have the Council decide the topics. There will be an advertisement in the Bulletin for story writers. It was decided to have the first issue be this coming June and it should announce the new Council Members.
- The 10:30am Children's Mass is going very well. We now have twenty children weekly. Because of this favorable response, it will be moved to the chapel.

New Business:

Since elections are coming up, maybe there could be a re-definition of what committee The Gregorian would fall under.

Kathy asked to have the election process begin. Notice to go into the Bulletin for May. Steve will use the old timetable as a guide. We will need four new members as four will be leaving: Kathy, Ed, Pat, and Steve. Janice, Donna, Paul and Rocco will remain.

Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2004 @ 7:00pm in the school.

Please submit any reports to me by March 15, 2004.

Closing Prayer: Steve Crespo

Respectfully submitted: Steve Crespo