

Minutes of St. Francis Parish Council  
April 13, 2010

Present: Cecilia Fisher-Dahms, Eloise Anderson, Father Anthony Garibaldi, Sister Peggy Chambers, Dick Jaco, Judy Robinson, Ixiim Flores, Christine Canelo, Christine Morse Galves, Ray Ibe, Betsy Gade, Ruth Cornell

Absent: John Brozek, Lisa Ecks, Bernie Evangelista, Shaaron Gilson, Scott Olling

Guests: Jeanne Iacino, Gordon Hall

Opening Prayer: Father Anthony

Pastor's Report:

Easter collection totaled \$27,000

The report will be out on the school inspection this week. It is anticipated that some retrofitting will be recommended.

Budget:

The proposed budget is being prepared by the Finance Committee and will be discussed at the May meeting.

Parishioner Input:

The lights in the Our Lady of Lourdes chapel in the church are inoperable. Joe is working on it. There is a key part that has been on order for some time. The possibility of wiring in other lights to illuminate the area was discussed briefly.

Jeanne Iacino suggested that the proposed budget be put on the website so that when parishioners come to the May meeting they will be prepared to discuss it.

Gordon Hall volunteered his services to help with the budgeting process. He will contact Richard Csapos of the finance committee.

The choir would like a handheld microphone for the cantor. Peggy will take the issue to the staff meeting tomorrow and ask Joe to look into the cost.

It was clarified that the Tithing Committee does not separately donate to Francis House outside of the cans placed in the sanctuary after Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Jeanne Iacino brought up the new translation for prayers to be used in the liturgy that will be implemented. This new language is a more direct translation from the Latin, and less vernacular than the current language, which could detract from our liturgy at St. Francis. She suggested that the Parish Council and Father Anthony register our concerns about the changes on a website called "What if We Just Said Wait?" This website advocates testing the new language in smaller

settings before implementing it across the board. Information regarding the changes can be found at U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops website.

Christine suggested putting information in the bulletin that would make parishioners aware of the upcoming changes and the issues surrounding them. Sister Peggy stated that the staff is working on developing catechesis regarding this issue, but is waiting for the promulgation date of the new language before beginning that process. Jeanne states that there are models of catechesis on this issue on various websites, including Notre Dame.

Eloise made a motion that the Parish Council register on the website. Cecilia seconded. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention. Peggy will put some contextual information in the bulletin so that the purpose of the vote is understood by the parish.

#### Elections:

Cecilia passed around the chart of which Council members are due to transition off the council at what time. The members who will be leaving in (July?) are Ruth Cornell, Lisa Ecks, Christine Morse Galves, John Brozek, and Bernie Evangelista. Scott Olling will probably be leaving too. Cecilia will put information in the bulletin about upcoming elections. Ruth, John, and Christine MG will not be running again. It is as yet unknown about Lisa and Bernie. Shaaron Gilson may also be leaving, and if she does the Council will appoint someone to serve out her term.

The Council will encourage people to run by talking to people we think are good candidates, making announcements at the end of Mass, and making ourselves available after Mass to talk to anyone who is interested.

#### Committee Reports:

Bylaws: no report

Tithing: no report

Communications: no report

Finance:

Will meet next week

School Board:

Will meet Thursday.

Saturday 4/24/10 is Spanish Night Fundraiser

There was a discussion regarding the fact that some parish schools charge different tuition rates for parishioners and non-parishioners, as well as Catholics and non-Catholics. Eloise explained that there is not a difference at St. Francis, and one reason is that the school is seen as a ministry and a way that we evangelize.

80% of the school families are Catholic, and 45% of the families are St. Francis parishioners.

Mediation: no report

Social Services/Social Committee:

The committee has two events planned for this year. In June or July there will be an event for single parishioners, and in the fall an event for young families with children. The dates will be chosen after conferring with staff. This will be handled entirely by volunteers so staff will not have an extra burden.

Welcoming Committee:

The parish picnic is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> and needs its own committee. There will be outreach to people who have worked on it in the past to assist, as well as outreach to others.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> the next welcome brunch for new parishioners, and anyone else who wants to attend, will be held between the 9:30 and noon Masses.

Buildings and Grounds:

Judy reported that the new gas line to the friary, church and school has been taken care of, with a cost of \$7400.00

The bell parts have arrived, and we may have the work completed by the beginning of May.

All requests to Joe Prassa regarding buildings and grounds issues will go through Father Anthony from now on. Joe will not be receiving direct requests other than from Fr. Anthony.

We received good feedback from parishioners regarding posting the costs of recent repairs in the bulletin.

Announcements:

Christine Morse Galves and John Brozek will be hosting a party on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the Parish Council and staff.

The meeting then adjourned into closed session.