

St. Francis Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010
7 p.m., Brunsman Hall

Present: Christine Canelo, Cecilia, Dick, John, Christine Morse Galves, Fr. Anthony, Sr. Peggy, Lisa, Eloise, Ixiim, Bernie and 1 guest-Linda Pang

1. Prayer: Led by Cecilia
2. Review of Agenda: Nothing added/changed.
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Moved and Approved by all.
4. Pastor's Report
 - April went fairly well.
 - 1st Communion during all masses was well received.
 - Photos of graduating 8th graders were taken.
 - Finance Committee met.
 - Changes on Bulletin made: Covenant of Sharing, article by Sr. Peggy.
 - Planning a Sept. Appeal
 - On line donations will be ready soon
 - Draft of page or website of click and pledge page—identify where the greatest need of parish is.
 - Focus on philosophy of sharing.
5. Budget:
 - Vote on the budget in June.
 - Deficit is roughly \$60,000 if everything is maintained the way it is.
 - Do a quarterly state of the union address re our finances. Do a PowerPoint/video.
 - Updated budget should show actuals.
 - Put budget on website.
 - 5 year committee will start when new council members are voted in.
 - Items of consideration to decrease deficit or increase revenue:
 - Reduce expenditure by having furlough days of staff
 - Cut back services
 - Lay-offs
 - Ask parishioners to contribute more (2000 registered, 700 carry the burden)
 - Revenue for Christmas and Easter increased by 7%
 - Unencumbered funds of over \$100,000
 - Do a special appeal/let parish know parish needs
 - If every registered member gives \$30 @, $2000 \times 30 = \$60,000$
 - If only the 700 members give \$86 @, $700 \times 86 = \$60,200$
 - We have to look at the bigger picture, not just the 9 staff members to burden the brunt.

6. Retreat Follow Up
 - Decision re budget has to be made in June.
 - Fr. doesn't know if the wall between the sacristy and Brunsmann Hall is reinforced.
 - Roof?
 - Braces in Gym need to be fortified.
7. Elections
 - 5 openings in normal cycle, 3 year term
 - 2 more openings, to fill balance of 1 year to fulfill
 - No more candidates left from last election.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. By Laws Committee: No Report
 - b. Tithing: No Report
 - c. Communications Committee: No Report
 - d. Mediation Committee: No Report
 - e. Business/Legal Advisory Team: No Report
 - f. Buildings and Ground:
 - Carpet bids in.
 - New microphone.
 - Bell parts need more repair.
 - Trimming trees done.
 - Painting of hallways bids came.
 - Sidewalk needs repair.
 - g. Finance: Focus on Educating Parishioners
 - July – more info re budget
 - August – Annual Report
 - September – 19 or 26, Annual Appeal
 - October – Report back on the pledge
 - h. Social Services- Singles Gathering on 7/ 11; Young Families – 9/26
 - i. Welcoming- Brunch on May 2 had 90 attendees. Video of overview of parish shown, poster boards displayed. Next Brunch on 8/29 – Beach Party Theme. A photographer will be on site.
9. Announcements: Parish Council End of the Year Gathering at John's place on June 6th, at 4 p.m.
10. Closing Prayer: Led by Cecilia.