

St. Francis Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2007

Attendees: Bill Burger, Mario Doria-Medina, Bob Doyle, John Grindstaff, John Mack, Audrey McGovern, Ron Naumann, Fr. Michael Oenbrink, Maureen Schaerfl, Brad Simpson

Also Attending: Fr. John Paul Reddy Pentareddy, Tom Strub, Jim Hyland, Luis Bell, Narendra Sarma, Sandy Grant, Hector Esquivel

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with a prayer led by Fr. Mike

1) The minutes from the October 22, 2007 meeting were approved

2) Latin American Council of the Low Country:

Luis Bell presented a summary of the purpose and activities of the Latin American Council and requested St. Francis join the Council as a Corporate member (\$250 yearly dues) to work more closely with them and proactively support them. After a brief discussion, and considering the support of Fr. Cruz, Maria Elena and Mario, the request was approved, pending a financial review of the organization (J. Mack responsible). It will be funded from the Hispanic Ministry budget.

3) Jim Hyland addressed the Council to briefly review the Kairos prison Ministry activities and to thank St. Francis for their contribution.

4) John Mack reviewed the Charitable Giving program process and the Contributions given to various charities this year. Contributions are Published in the weekly Church Bulletin. Letters of appreciation from Oratory and NAMI were received and circulated at the meeting.

5) Old Business

- Some updates to the Ministry Organizational responsibility chart (e.g. Ecumenical Representatives) are still required. Ron Naumann and Sr. Kathleen will provide input. Bill Burger will give updated chart to Terry Conway who will maintain the file, and make it web site accessible.
- Bob Doyle discussed the results of the ministry fair which was very successful.
- Capital Campaign – a key meeting will be held on Nov. 27. A model of the planned facility is available in the school and will be placed in the church for broader parishioner visibility. Work on obtaining the building permit is continuing (new target is mid December).
- Communications Committee:
 - a) Magnetic decal sales will start next week after Masses.

- b) Each month, a specific ministry will be highlighted in the Church Bulletin.
- c) Maureen Schaerfl is working on the church informational brochure and has also provided a write-up for a “coffee table” book.
- d) A year end review of the web site will be conducted (Council members asked to provide any input to Bob Doyle)

6) New Business

- Ron Naumann will form a nominating committee to propose candidates for the Parish Council to replace 3 outgoing members next year (Audrey, Brad and Bill). Audrey and Bill will serve on the Committee.
- The Parish Office would like to be informed of parishioners with extended or serious illness so that they can be contacted/comforted appropriately (e.g. Fritzie Neitzel with prayer shawl). A notice will be placed in the Church Bulletin.
- Prayer and Worship: on Saturday, May 5, there will be a retreat from 9 to 1 for all ministries in Prayer and Worship
- The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on Dec. 12

5 to 7 AM	Manaitas followed by Breakfast in Family Center
5 PM	Procession and Music
7 PM	Mass
8:15 PM	Dinner and cultural event

The meeting was ended at 8:29 PM with a closing prayer led by Fr. Mike.

Note that there will be no meeting in December. The next PPC meeting will be at 7 PM on Monday Jan. 28,2008.

Bill Burger
Recorder