

St. Francis Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes
3/10/08

Attendees: Mario Doria-Medina, Bob Doyle, John Grindstaff, Sr. Kathleen Kane, John Mack, Fr. Michael Oenbrink, Maureen Schaerfl, Brad Simpson, and Audrey Mc Govern (after the Women of St. Francis meeting)

Also Attending: Terry Conway and Dr. Mike Rockers

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

- 1) The minutes from the January 14, 2008 meeting were approved.
- 2) Sr. Kathleen Report
 - a) A committee is being formed to develop a process, which establishes a process for maintaining information in the Narthex. This will address what and how to display the information and who has the responsibility for it. Current committee members are John Mack, Mitzi Weaver and Sr. Kathleen and will add a member from the Communications Committee.
 - b) She discussed the success of the Marriage Preparation program and the new Prayer for Engaged Couples ministry.
- 3) Capital Campaign

Bob Doyle gave an update on the Capital Campaign: the strategy is to raise \$500,000 over the next 6 months and, if necessary, to borrow the remaining amount. In general, it is felt that the campaign is very successful and, hopefully, the need for any financing will be minimal. A Parish wide celebration is planned for the fall. The PPC unanimously approved this strategy.
- 4) Charitable Contributions

John Mack gave an update on the charitable contributions program. Remaining planned items for this year are Room at the Inn and Citizens for Life. Contributions to Room at the Inn are currently on hold. \$6,000 in the budget is currently unassigned. John will present the plan for percentage of distribution for 2009 at the April PPC meeting.
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Nominating Committee: Audrey McGovern reported that four candidates were proposed by the committee and approved by Fr. Mike for the 3 open PPC positions. They are Bob Peters, Jo Timperman, James Baker and John Staub. The names will be posted in the Church Bulletin in April and will be elected by parishioners on the weekend of May 3/4. The 3 with the most votes will be appointed to the PPC.

b) Latin American Council request for sponsorship: Mario reported that the Council is in a state of transition, but will supply us with the requested financial information this week. This issue will be further discussed at the April PPC meeting. Mario also indicated that there was a joint RCIA supper that was attended by 30 Hispanic candidates.

6) New Business

a) Communications Committee: Maureen Schaerfl gave an update on the St. Francis Church History project and gave drafts for everyone to review and comment on at the next PPC meeting (note: I will see that those not in attendance will get a copy). Bob Doyle stated that a video tour of St. Francis Church is now available on the web site and encouraged everyone to look at it. Bob also agreed that the Communications Committee will work with Sr. Kathleen to select the next Ministry articles for publication in the Church Bulletin.

b) Planning for the 2009 St. Francis 25th Anniversary will be discussed at the April PPC meeting.

7) Fr. Mike closed the meeting with a prayer.

Note: the next meeting of the PPC will be on April 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Special thanks to Bob Doyle for taking notes for the minutes in my absence.

Bill Burger
Recorder