

**St. Francis Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2007**

Attendees: Bill Burger, Steve Cunniff, John Grindstaff, Sr. Kathleen Kane, Nathan Klein, Audrey McGovern, Brad Simpson, Art Tonkinson
Also Attending: Pat Gilmore

The meeting was opened at 7:05 with a prayer by Sr. Kathleen

- 1) The minutes from the Feb. 26, 2007 PPC Meeting were approved.
- 2) Sr. Kathleen report:
 - Ministries update: A gift and letter were sent to Ramona Kraemer to recognize her contributions to the Lector ministry. Grey and Louise Kinnie have retired as leaders of the Marriage Prep ministry and will be replaced by Gerry and Helen Hand. Nathan will draft a letter and determine an appropriate gift (Marriage Prep budget) for the Kinnies. Will consider recognition at a 5:30 Saturday Mass.
 - Feast of St. Francis- (Thurs. Oct. 4, 2007) will be a week long celebration. Examples include Pet Blessing on Sunday, Oct. 1 Thrift Shop retreat, Wed. vigil Mass, Shrimp Boil on Oct. 7. Two members of the Parish Council (Art and Bill) will participate in the planning.
 - April 28/29 is Good Shepherd Sunday. John Mack /John Grindstaff will join Mitzi Weaver in planning (target the parents of Religious Education and FSA).
 - Room at the Inn (for unwed expectant mothers) – a house has been obtained in Bluffton and there will be a fundraiser on May 12 (see attached notice). Charlie and Pat Birmingham are on the Board of Directors and will be invited to our next Council meeting to address.
- 3) Bob Doyle report (summarized by Brad Simpson since Bob engaged in Capital Campaign meeting):
 - Web site has been updated to reflect Ministry changes.
 - Ministry Booklet is at publishers (available in approx. 1 month)
 - Capital Campaign underway (estimate break ground for phase 1A in June).
 - Question posed by Audrey whether web site organization chart reflects correct categories for Ministries and Organizations (e.g. check the “Other” category which seems to be a catch all). Brad will discuss with Bob Doyle.
- 4) Family Mass – Nathan Klein
 - Concept tried out during Catholic School week and worked well.
 - The PPC recommended that we implement on a once a month basis and start on Sunday May 6th. Brad will discuss with Fr. Mike and Nathan will discuss with Mike Rockers, pending Fr. Mike’s approval.

Steve Cunniff will coordinate with the ushers, Art will coordinate with Mitzi Weaver and Bill will contact Alison Griswald. Art will target the week of April 2 to convene a planning meeting.

5) Old Business

- **Greeter Ministry: Audrey has asked for volunteers from the Women of St. Francis and Bill has obtained some volunteers from the Knights of Columbus. Bill will follow up with Bob Peters to find out result of his meeting with Stewardship Ministry for broader participation by all the Ministries.**
- **Bill will get update from Leigh Bullen/Mike Flint on status of charitable contributions budget review with Fr. Mike.**
- **Pastoral Plan update from Diocese will be discussed at next meeting**

6) New Business

- **Fellowship Sunday, July 1 reception hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council: Council volunteers needed --- current volunteers –**
 - **9:00 AM Mass – Bill Burger, Brad Simpson, Sr. Kathleen, Art Tonkinson, John Grindstaff , Steve Cunniff, Audrey McGovern**
 - **10:30 Mass Sr. Kathleen, Brad Simpson, Bill Burger, Art Tonkinson**
- **Nominating Committee formed: assuming John Mack is reappointed and accepts, we still have to fill 3 positions. Nominating Committee members are: Art Tonkinson, Mario Doria- Medina, John Mack, Bill Burger and Audrey will obtain someone from The Women of St. Francis.**
- **Bill will invite Erica Duren (Young Singles Ministry) and Sandy Polino (Divorced and Separated Ministry) to attend the April PPC Meeting to give a status report.**

The meeting was closed with the Capital Campaign Prayer (Sharing Our Blessings, Building Our Future) led by Sr. Kathleen at 8:17 PM

The next Meeting of the PPC is Monday April 23, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

**Bill Burger
Recorder**