

**SJN Parish Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 19th, 2006**

**Members Present at meeting:** Fr. Jim Loehr, Chairman Steve Nekola, Vice Chairman Greg Norgord, Secretary Nancee Nejedlo, Trustees Rudy Spiering and Tom Sams, Youth Rep Caleb Hendryx, Boni Danner, Pamela Smith, Kathy Hulen, Casey Puetz, Rich Burgardt, Rozaline Janci.

**Members Absent:** Denise Jensen, Rachel Martenent and Roberta Schneider.

**Guests:** June Wessa, SJN Pastoral Associate

**I. Assemble in God's Name**

- At 7:00, Fr. Jim Loehr lit the Christ Candle,
- Rudy Spiering read opening Prayer.
- All read SJN Parish Mission Statement, and the Vision Statement.
- Quorum present.

**II. Celebrate Our Past**

- Steve Nekola asked if there were any items that needed to be added to the Agenda. Add to **III. Issues for Approval**, Human Concerns Committee, and Add to **IV. Issues for Approval**, Approval of Ad Hoc Communications Committee.
- Nancee Nejedlo asked for approval of the November minutes that were distributed via e-mail for review. Rudy Spiering moved to approve minutes as is, and Tom Sams seconded to approve November minutes as presented.
- Since there were no introductions of new guests.

**III. Issues for Discussion**

- It was suggested that priorities be reestablished for the eight committees, and sub committee of the parish council.
- Steve briefly explained his idea of the Communications Committee. He read what was printed in the bulletin in hope of recruiting volunteers.

The parish council is seeking volunteers who are interested in serving on an ad hoc communication committee. This committee will look to strengthen existing methods and to come up with innovative new ways of communication. These methods will assist parishioners, committees and staff to get to know each other better, to enhance awareness of parish goals, and opportunities, to build enthusiasm, and to focus efforts.

The target is to have the orientation meeting in January. Of you or someone you know has an interest in this project, please leave your name and phone number before December 19, with Janet in the parish office at (262) 549-0223 ext 16, or Steve Nekola at (262) 542-5551, ([snekola@sbcglobal.net](mailto:snekola@sbcglobal.net))

- Lengthy discussion ensued on ideas, suggestions and concerns of the need of an ad hoc communications committee.
- It was recognized that most of the communication falls on the Stewardship Committee.
- Comment was made that with 200 more families contributing, SJN would be meeting its budget.
- There is a three-page document from the Archdiocese, which give parishes ideas of how to get people back into the pews.

- The Generations of Faith, (GOF), is going very well. Family involvement is very significant opportunity to talk together.
- An Ad Hoc Committee would come up with ideas for a plan for implementation—will need a liaison from the Parish Council.
- Planning Committee has been going five years. Positive things have been said—word gets out from that kind of communication.
- Comment was made that Human Concerns Committee needs to “brain storm,” in order to promote awareness, volunteers. Educational political stance. Suggestion was to have a display with sign up. Make announcement promoting Human Concerns Committee.
- During the “Committee A Month,” need to focus on Mission, SVdP, Right to Life, bereavement, and Stewardship. Casey will talk to June, Bob Scheinkoenig and Fred Muenkel
- Changes as to the review summaries of the Parish Council Manual were made as follows: Nancee will review Chapter 11 at the January meeting, and Tom will review Chapter 12 at the February meeting.

#### **IV. Issues for Approval**

- It was a consensus that we would focus on getting the Human Concerns Committee going before we move forward on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee.
- There were no issues for approval.

#### **V. Proclaiming God’s Word- Fr. Jim**

- Wishes were given to the members and their families for a Blessed Christmas. Focus on family, and bring family traditions into Christmas. Need to bring Catholic culture into Christmas.

#### **VI. Information and Reports**

- Fr. Jim commented on the Planning Process—what we are going to have to do to move forward? Attempting to understand one another will help us to move forward.
- Operating expenses are very tight. Finance Committee meets on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Fr. Jim presented a card from Ethel Brimmer’s daughter with a \$1000.00 check made out to St. John Neumann. A nice surprise and very much appreciated,
- Some Committee reports were previously handed out. Brief summary as follows:
  - *Lifelong Faith Formation/CF*, Boni Danner, Roberta took notes. Two topics discussed. Strategic Plan brainstorming: Intergenerational opportunities and employing Interfaith. Talked about home kits for the January 19<sup>th</sup> GOF.
  - *Prayer and Worship Committee*, Greg Norgord, Talked mostly about Jubilee Celebration. Also Feast of Epiphany. See Summary
  - *Stewardship Committee*, Denise Jensen, Steve will e-mail report summary.
  - *Human Concerns*, Casey Puetz, No meeting, no members.
  - *Administration and Finance Committee*, Rudy Spiering, distributed the November Monthly Report. A brief summary of the report was given.
  - *Archdiocesan Pastoral Council*, Pamela Smith, no meeting.
  - *Partners in Christ*, Greg Norgord, no report at this time.
  - *WCSS*, Pamela Smith, no meeting
  - *Building and Grounds*, Tom Sambs, the Committee Report Summary was handed out. New tables were purchased for the kitchen. Garage roof shingles need to be replaced in the near future. See Summary.

- *Fundraising/Social Fund Raising Committee, Kathy Hulen, Report Summary* was distributed. Committee needs a chairperson. Talked about SJN Fish Fry on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Possible Mother's Day brunch. There will be a rummage sale at the festival this year. El Rey is celebrating their jubilee—suggestions to do something special.

**V. For the Good of the Parish**

- Being the Jubilee Year for SJN, it was suggested that it would be a nice touch if the Jubilee commitment some how be added to our commitment pledge?
- Fourth week in January—27th-28th:  
Mission Statement/Welcomer: 5:00 mass: Rozaline Janci/Pamela Smith  
8:30 mass: Nancee Nejedlo/Rachel Martenet  
10:30 mass: Denise Jensen/Greg Norgord  
Next Council Meeting is January 23rd at 7:00p.m.  
Opening Prayer for the January meeting will be led by Kathy Hulen, and the Closing Prayer by Rozaline Janci.

**VII. Go Out in God's Name**

- The Closing Prayer was given by Casey Puetz
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancee Nejedlo