

SJN Parish Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 28th, 2006

Members Present at meeting: Fr. Jim Loehr, Chairman Steve Nekola, Secretary Nancee Nejedlo, Trustees Rudy Spiering and Tom Sambs, Youth Rep Rachel Martenent, Boni Danner, Pamela Smith, Roberta Schneider, Casey Puetz, Rich Burgardt, Rozaline Janci.

Members Absent: Greg Norgord excused, Denise Jensen and Kathy Hulen and Caleb Hendryx.

Guests: June Wessa, SJN Pastoral Associate

I. Assemble in God's Name

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

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**, Establish an Ad Hoc Communications Committee.
- Nancee Nejedlo asked for approval of the October minutes that were distributed at the meeting for review. Changes were made to the minutes as follows. Correct the spelling of Rosiline to Rozaline, wherever it occurs in the minutes. Under **III. Issues for Discussion**, fifteenth bullet, remove Rudy Spiering's name and add Roberta Schneider's name. Correct the spelling of Rich's first name from Rick. Under **VI. Information and Reports**, after *Stewardship Committee*, remove *Diane James*' name. After reviewing the October Minutes, Pamela Smith moved to approve minutes with changes, and Tom Sambs seconded.
- Since there were no introductions of new guests, Steve followed up with possible new members. More discussion on this matter under item **IV. Issues for Approval**.

III. Issues for Discussion

- Brief discussion regarding follow up and progress on the status of Long Range Planning.
- A date for the Parish Council and Staff Retreat had been decided. We will hold the retreat at the Villa St. Joseph on the weekend of February 23rd and 24th. It was suggested that in order to focus on the purpose of the retreat, it was recommended that we stay the night. The Villa has approximately 12 bedrooms and half as many bathrooms. Cost for the overnight is \$15.00, and \$10.00 if not. A sign up sheet was passed around to indicate who was staying over and what item/type of food each person was bringing.
- The Christmas decoration set up for December 24th was determined by the Arts & Environments Committee. They decided not to do the decorating on the 24th, but on the 19th and 20th of December, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Rudy Spiering gave a review of Chapter 10 of the Parish Council Manual—Leading with Wisdom. Members and guest followed along using the hand out.

IV. Issues for Approval

- A lengthy discussion as to establish an Ad Hoc Communications Committee took place. Steve Nekola explained in brief that the idea behind this committee would be to establish a communications plan. Listen to parishioner concerns as well as recognize their contributions to the parish. Help people achieve personal goals. Discussion that there was a similar sub committee under stewardship called Parish Life Committee, but it was not the same as what Steve has in mind. Steve will provide a description of the need of this Ad Hoc Committee before recruiting members.
- Steve distributed a hand out regarding the new council member replacements. It was noted that there does not need to be an approval for this agenda item. Kathy Hulen and Rozaline Janci's term will go until the time it expires in June of 2009. Caleb Hendryx will serve as youth rep until the time it expires in June of 2008. Rozaline has been appointed as liaison to the Administration and Finance Committee, and Kathy has been appointed as liaison to the Fund Raising Committee. Thank you, and welcome aboard!

V. Proclaiming God's Word- Fr. Jim

- The Coming of the Lord continually comes to us through His Spirit. It's calming. Be aware of the coming of God. Remember the reason He came to us—so He could save us from our sins.
- Salvation History—what do we do? Celebrate the coming of the Lord!

VI. Information and Reports

- Fr. Jim talked briefly regarding the 25th Jubilee. As of last count, it was estimated that approximately 133 people had signed up so far to attend the Jubilee Dinner. He commended the committee for all their hard work.
- Steve talked briefly about how pleased he was regarding the enthusiasm of the various committees. He has enjoyed greeting people and listening to them through conversation, and is pleased that people are recognizing him, and acknowledge him.
- Some Committee reports were previously handed out. Brief summary as follows:
 - *Lifelong Faith Formation/CF*, Boni Danner, June gave a brief summary regarding the GOF meeting. Committee is trying very hard to bring order to each session so we aren't always trying to 'catch up.' By going through sign up forms, a list of who has signed up in specific areas will help in the planning of recruiting people to help where needed.
 - *Prayer and Worship Committee*, Greg Norgord, Greg is out of town, but e-mailed the Committee Report Summary.
 - *Stewardship Committee*, Denise Jensen, Steve will send Diane James' e-mail regarding the report summary.
 - *Human Concerns*, Casey Puetz, her main concern is how to recruit members for this committee. She asked if Fr. Jim or June had a list of people who may be interested in this committee. There is no list, just have to talk to people and see if they would be interested in joining the committee.
 - *Administration and Finance Committee*, Rudy Spiering, distributed the October Monthly Report, and the Committee Report Summary. Lengthy review and concern was discussed. Very big concern regarding the decrease in monetary donations we give to our sister parishes. Can't cut back because they need the money. Need to look for ways to come with the additional \$1,800.00. Fr. Jim will take any anonymous donations.
 - *Archdiocesan Pastoral Council*, Pamela Smith, no report at this time.
 - *Partners in Christ*, Greg Norgord, no report at this time.

