

Parish Council Minutes - November 4, 2009

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Meeting was opened by Fr. Proulx with a scripture reading and reflection.

Janet Caraballo welcomed our guests and turned the meeting over to them.

Youth Center Construction Committee: Fr. Proulx thanked Luke Frantz, who has been directing the construction from its inception. Luke Frantz, Ron Smith & David Schonacher presented the updated plans for our youth center which is very close to being finalized. Even though the size of the building has been reduced from 36,000 sq. ft. to 17,000 sq. ft. everything that is needed has been included. Because of this the overall cost has been reduced to \$120.00/sq. ft as opposed to the original cost of \$250.00/sq. ft. Dave said this is due to a better design and better product. Avanti Design is working on the design and FHS is the contractor. We are fortunate that Luke, Ron and Dave are such dedicated members of our parish.

That Man Is You – Jeff Joaquin

Jeff stated that the Thursday morning sessions are going very well. Originally 235 men submitted their names but some never attended. On average 151 men show up at 5:30 am every week. They have had a very positive response from all those attending. He believes the Small Christian Community aspect has had a great impact on the success. There are a total of 16 groups, 2 of which are Spanish speaking men. There has been an outpouring of fellowship and also attending are 3 or 4 men that are considering converting to Catholicism. There are 26 sessions per year and Jeff stated that a man can jump in at any time. He might lose a little foundation but not to the extent that it would matter.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Proulx said that there have been requests from the Filipino Community for assistance for their home country since there have been 6 hurricanes in that area. Fr. Proulx indicated that we would be sending part of our Thanksgiving collection to the Catholic Relief Service for this cause.

Fr. Proulx thanked the Women's Guild for the successful Boo Bash for the children. They did a fantastic job as always.

Fr. Proulx and Justin's trip to the University of Florida for the Campus Ministry Night was very well attended and successful. It had not been planned but they actually met up with 16 students from our parish family. In the future they will be traveling to different Florida Universities and look forward to visiting the students from Nativity.

Fr. Proulx also said the Pastoral Care under the direction of Liz Schenk was doing great and he is very thankful to them for all their time and effort.

Fr. Proulx had to leave because he was on duty and had a call from the Emergency Room at the hospital so Janet completed the agenda.

Food Pantry & Career Workshop- Linda McCarroll

Linda said all the information for the Food Pantry trip had been published in the bulletin and that the Stewardship Committee would be getting together with Carl and Tessie Falkenbach and a few others to see how the parish as a whole could be of help.

Linda said the workshop was a great success. In the planning stages is a workshop for college bound students in the spring. Linda will be in contact with Justin Lantz to work out the logistics of it.

Dee LoPresti recapped a report from Fr. Clement in which he stated the Year of the Priest Committee has met for the first time in October and they are brainstorming and discussing potential activities to take place in the coming year. Initially the names of the priests in our diocese will be published in the bulletin on the Diocesan Prayer for Priests Calendar. Other projects are still in the planning stages.

Scrip-Novemberfest-Retreat

Janet thanked all the members that were able to attend the Retreat day at the Bethany Center. She passed out the Novemberfest schedule for all the members to fill in the times they were available to work. Janet reported that Sue Mokris sent an update on SCRIP. The first order was very successful. The church received \$23.65, not bad for our first order since only a few members who were present participated. Once Novemberfest is over Rob Martin will begin publicizing the program to the rest of the Parish.

Roundtable: It was suggested that a thank you note be sent to both Fr. Cippel and Fr. Proulx for all they have done to help us strengthen our spirituality.

In attendance: Virginia Baum, Janet Caraballo, Antonio Cartagena, Dee LoPresti, Linda McCarroll, Jo O'Brien, Jim Ussery

Excused absences: Art Barlaan, Sue Mokris, Arturo Rivera, Kirven Speed