

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2007
7:00

Holy Family Conference Room

Chair: Kevin Brink

Attendees: Tony Kirsch, Danielle Burgess, Quentin Garlets, Kevin Brink, Father Blake, Marlene Zaback

Opening Prayer

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

- Approved

Conclusion:

Action item(s):

1. None

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Review of Last Meeting's Action Items

Discussion:

- Reviewed all action items

Conclusion: Open issues addressed in January meeting

Action item(s):

1. None

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Henderson presentation

Discussion:

- The Henderson Group made a presentation called "Appreciative Inquiry." It focuses organizations on their most positive qualities, leverages those qualities to enhance the organization and its future, and creates a platform for positive change. In other words, it tries to understand and sustain what is best about our parish culture, provides input for strategic change, and give voice to everyone's hopes and aspirations
- This program is similar to our "Visioning" program of approximately two years ago.
- Perhaps this is something we should consider using around the celebration of our 150th anniversary.

Conclusion: More time needs to be dedicated to this topic than times permits at this meeting. However, all programs and initiatives which could enhance our experiences within the Parish should be considered.

Action item(s):

1. Discuss at next meeting

Person responsible:

None

Deadline:

Next Meeting

2006-2007 Goals & Objectives

Discussion:

- Tabled to next meeting for final approval.

Conclusion: These need to be finalized at our next meeting

Action item(s):

1. Complete at February meeting

Person responsible:

All

Deadline:

Next Meeting

Carnival update

Discussion:

- Danielle Burgess and her husband will Chair this event.
- Pending review of the budget, the event will take place in the fall as opposed to the spring and will include a Fall Harvest Mass.

- We will explore a 1-2 day event over a Saturday and Sunday.
- We will also consider having a festival to attract families and people outside the Parish to create a greater awareness of the programs and experiences at St. Joseph's.

Conclusion: Continue with planning

Action item(s):	Person responsible:	Deadline:
1. Review budget	All	Next Meeting
2. Determine date	All	Next Meeting
3. Recruit additional members to participate in planning	All	On-going

Evangelization Initiative

Discussion:

- Kevin Brink to coordinate
- Matt and Erin will be invited to help coordinate
- We will encourage all to participate in this latest phase of the four year program. Phases One and two will be offered if enough people feel the need.
- Introduction of the program at Masses the weekend of February 17-18

Conclusion: Implement this program

Action item(s):	Person responsible:	Deadline:
1. Organize introduction to Parish	Kevin Brink	2-17-07
2. Order materials	Kevin Brink	ASAP
3. Coordinate with Matt & Erin	Kevin Brink	ASAP

Rectory use update

Discussion:

- The Sisters of Notre Dame have shown an interest in utilizing the facility. They have no immediate need, but something could arise for next year.
- Residents would consider working for 10-15 hours per week at the school and/or church.
- Perhaps a nun with a teaching degree could be employed by the school.
- Other short-term uses will still be considered.

Conclusion: We need to continue to look for uses

Action item(s):	Person responsible:	Deadline:
1. Father will pass on interest to the P.C. as they arise	Father Blake	None

Parish Budget

Discussion:

- Father suggested that it might be helpful for the Parish Council to review the budget.
- Details will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting

Conclusion: None

Action item(s):	Person responsible:	Deadline:
1. Review at next meeting	All	Next meeting

Next Meeting Date

Date: February 27, 2007

Time: 7:00

Place: Holy Family Conference Room

Closing prayer