

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Minutes

1. Opening prayer-Ron Schmidt
2. "Heard on the Street"
  - a. A dead branch overhanging the Old Town Chapel roof needs attention.
  - b. Bird droppings at the entrance to the White Pine Canyon Church could present a safety hazard and are unsightly. Perhaps bird spikes, which are harmless to the birds, placed in their nesting spots would be as solution.
  - c. There have been many comments about the winter elimination of the Sunday 8:00 a.m. mass.
3. Election Results
  - a. The vote count was close among all six candidates.
  - b. Elected: Jamie Brotherton, LaRee White Engel, Terence Goodman, Charlene Swagler.
  - c. Appointed: Roberto Cortes
4. Sunday 8:00 a.m. mass discussion
  - a. Fr Bob has received a lot of comments on that mass which was discontinued after Labor Day to allow for the Sunday 5:30 p.m. mass. On Memorial Day the Sunday evening mass will be discontinued and the Sunday morning mass will return.
  - b. We do not have the ability to continue both masses throughout the year.
  - c. The Sunday morning mass has gotten very full and might better be held in the White Pine Canyon Church when it begins again in the spring.
  - d. There have been problems with cars being ticketed during the mass at the chapel.
  - e. Fr. Bob feels it is important to have a mass at the chapel on Sunday.
  - f. The consensus of the discussion was that the mass should continue to be held at the Old Town Chapel at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day unless there are new developments.
5. Committee Business  
Faith Formation and Worship

- a. It could be a valuable asset to the parish to have an organization devoted to ministering to the parish.
- b. The Mark Price Lay Ministry model may not be the vehicle which would suit this parish.
- c. Kathie Dullanty has express interest in leading such an organization within the parish.
- d. Discussion is on hold until after the October retreat.

6. Service through Ministries/Stewardship

- a. The ministries fair was scheduled for Nov 7&8.
- b. Mary Ann Vennett volunteered to lead an effort to produce a pamphlet or booklet describing each of the existing ministry opportunities within the parish.
- c. It was suggested that we have a form listing each of the ministries at the fair which could be handed to parishioners after the masses on Nov 7&8. For those without time to sign up at one of the ministry tables, they could mark the form and send it to the parish expressing their interest in a particular ministry.
- d. The box containing the materials used at the ministry fair last year has been misplaced.
- e. There was little response to last year's ministry fair, possibly due to the fact that few of the tables were manned by representatives of the respective ministry.

7. Uniting the Community

- a. The next newcomers welcome reception will be held on Oct 10 after the 5:30 mass at the rectory. Marie Martz and Rita Garant will host the reception. Sister Suzanne and Alma Armendariz will contact new members of the parish. Sister Suzanne will arrange for an announcement to be placed in the Sunday bulletin.

8. Facilities & Staff - no items to report

9. Other business

- a. It was asked if the parish had some sort of insurance rider which would cover parishioners who transport other parishioners to Dr's appointments as a service provided under auspices of the parish. Fr. Bob said he did not think so, but he would check.
- b. The Parish Council Retreat will be held on Saturday, Oct 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the hospitality house. A notice will be sent to each

council member as a reminder. Tod Frohnen volunteered to pick up bagels and coffee for the retreat. Fr. Bob will arrange for someone to take lunch sandwich orders and pick them up for the retreat.

10. Closing prayer: Mary Ann Vennett