

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2009

Board members present were: Kathy Lee, ~~Tony Johnson~~, Michele Bartley, Phil Atkinson and Donna Giuliani. Also present were Father Mike and Father Don. The meeting was called to order by at 7:40 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Discussions were as follows:

Habitat for Humanity reported another great year with over 50 workers from our parish community working on the house. There were 8 churches and a total of about 190 workers.

## Families Moving Forward

Kim Oakins and Mary T. Schmitz did a wonderful job leading the team. Sue Rivard and Paula McCrossan coordinated the food. All spots have been filled except the last overnight. Erlinda did an awesome job filling the two weeks. Guests included four families, consisting of 11 children and 5 adults.

Housing For All is hosting a bus tour of affordable housing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:45 to 8:15 p.m. Roxanne Smith will be attending a conference in Washington DC on Sept. 17 and 18 called Building One America.

## Community Caring for Life

The Knights of Columbus will host a baby shower on the weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> as part of Respect Life Month.

## Faith Formation

Ruth Fleming reported 500 registrations for this group. Lisa and Barry are working on lesson plans. Ruth also reported nineteen baptisms have been signed up.

## Reports by Father Mike and Father Don

Joan Burnett was not able to return to work at this time. Gloria Jordan is filling in for her

The Parish Mission will be held on three successive Sunday evenings.

New systems for marriages are being worked on in-house,

The trip to Greece has been cancelled because of lack of interest.

Applications are being taken for the November Haiti trip,. Father Don reported about 40 people at Haiti meetings every two weeks.

Council and Board members will be asked to phone parishioners asking if they would consent to extend their donation to the Debt fund for one more year. This would be done on an evening in October.

Interesting discussion was held on the results of the Congregational Life Survey.

New Council members are needed. Members felt that a "one on one" approach works best.

Phil Atkinson reported on needed precautions to be taken to eliminate pandemic of H1N1. Precautionary suggestions will be made from the pulpit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Giuliani*