

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## January 28, 2010

Board members present were: Kathy Lee, Phil Atkinson, Tony Johnson, Michele Bartley, Mary Patnode, Harlan Johnson, George Marx and Donna Giuliani. Also present were Father Mike, Father Don, Mary Jo Dickinson and Ruth Fleming. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented.

Discussions were as follows:

### Faith Formation

Ruth Fleming reported that 169 students were enrolled in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. 229 are enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation. 412 are enrolled in Elementary Faith Formation.

RICA - Five adults have expressed an interest. One is a Catechumen. Both RICA and OCIC will go to the Basilica on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the Rite of Election. Deacon Kevin O'Connor has been asked by the diocese to assist.

### Faith Formation Staffing -

Joan is still on restricted duty and is now on jury duty. Lisa Maliszewski had to relinquish evening Faith formation duties due to family scheduling difficulties but will be available on a limited basis until the end of the school year. Ruth is taking on those evenings. Lisa's replacement will be sought for the 2010+ school year.

### Young Adult Ministry

There are currently 26 active participants. Monthly events are scheduled from January through June.

### Parish Mission

Attendance has been somewhat sporadic so far. Thoughts are to go back to three days in a row next year, possibly in the beginning of Lent. Phil suggested development of a Job Description to be used by Mission Leaders.

### Finance - Mary Jo Dickinson

In response to a question, Mary Jo stated that 270 responses have been received, pledging the amount of \$229,592 in response to the request for continuation of a one-year pledge commitment.

December budget income was \$270,875. Actual income was \$244,458

December budget expenses were \$116,233. Actual expenses were \$97,103

Our Financial Review with the Archdiocese has been completed. A list of suggestions made by them was circulated and discussed briefly. Donna will continue taking minutes at our meetings.

Contribution statements will be mailed tomorrow.

A notice has been received from Premier Bank that we have exceeded \$250,000, as covered by FDIC. Some of the money will be transferred to Bremer Bank. Father Mike thanked our parish community for good stewardship.

### Commitment to Parish Life Program

Mary Jo spoke with Parish Administrators at churches who have signed on with the above program. Satisfactory results were reported.

Michele stated the Finance Council wished to see a sample contract. Also, members would like to know a ballpark figures of postage and mailing costs. Mary Jo will obtain the above information.

#### **Haiti**

Father Don reported that \$32,800 was been collected to date toward the Haiti Relief Fund. A medical team is being organized. An information night on Haiti will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Henke's will be training people for the Haiti trip in place of Bonnie Steele doing so.

#### **Trivia Night**

Trivia Night will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. This event increases by about 20 people each year. George Marx will supply the Green Beer.

#### **Pictorial Directory**

Discussion was held regarding publishing a Pictorial Directory. A suggestion was made to incorporate this with the Commitment to Parish Life Program

#### **Reports by Father Mike and Father Don**

Discussion was held regarding the use of the gathering space in church for many various selling events. Consensus was to restrict these events to be held only in St. Josph's Hall.

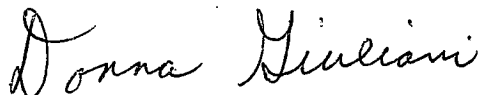
#### **Policies Committee**

Existing policies need to be re-visited. This subject was held for discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 25th.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Giuliani

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Giuliani".