

Parish Council Meeting Minutes from 2-12-08

Meeting opened with Prayer from Father Tom.

Father Tom updated us on School and General Parish news: School Accreditation is taking place in February; School Registration is set to take place in the end of February; The parish is considering the feasibility a project for installation of new bathrooms for the parish/school and parish hall area-Joe Jimenez, a parishioner, who is also an architect, is working on developing some drawings to begin with; The parish is also looking into the feasibility of parking lot improvements (weather has been an impediment), which might include adding curbs, and painting of the parking lot area, and evaluation of different methods of making the repairs-there are no dollar figures for a budget or cost expectation, yet.

Council Liaisons gave reports as follows:

Fred Krabbe-Worship Council: The Lenten series is continuing this month; Befrienders is coordinating with Social Services Ministries Council on developing some links to services for parishioners to be included on the parish website, e.g., connections to Diocesan services or programs that we can refer to; The Vocation Crucifix program is continuing and is very popular; Diocesan Training for various liturgical ministries will be at St. Regis on April 12, 2008; The Saint of the Month is continuing, and the council is looking for ways to broaden and add new features to it.

Stewardship-Father Tom indicated that the council is working on the budget for this coming year, and noted that we are on track for the budget set for this current year, and that the council is exploring ways and options for funding projects that the parish may wish/need to undertake.

Social Services Ministries Council-Rick Jensen: The council did not meet in February, but the council is working on a program to involve parishioners in celebrating birthdays of residents at the Blue Ridge Nursing Home; The Care Givers ministry has started, and is providing assistance to parishioners.

School Council-Christine Shaffer and John Seck: Parents seem to like the program begun by the School administration for having teachers

e-mail news and events and developments to parents; the council is implementing new policies on Bullying and Discipline at the school, and Diocesan training is being provided.

Family and Faith Formation-Shannon Severt (Shannon was absent, due to illness).

The Parish Council members confirmed their availability and assignments for helping the Worship Council with serving refreshments at the Lenten Service on 2-28-08, and staffing the visitors/hospitality Sunday for June 1, 2008.

The Parish Council reviewed the Parish Forum Responses to attempt to direct the ideas and parishioner comments that came from the forum to the various councils for them to consider and evaluate them and use them for the councils' programs and plans.-Not finished, yet.