

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
**Parish Council Minutes**  
**September 13, 2011**

**Present:** Aurora Fragozo-Aguirre, Stephen Lunsford, Ann Hennessey, Carol Aivagedis, Deb Bryant, Mary Carrillo, Neil Chapman, Jeanne Ecker, Tony Hock, Stacy McCarley, Amelina Mendoza, Maria Pittman, Michael Silva, Dennis Zanardi, Father Rodolfo Llamas, Sister Nancy McInerney, Janet Brabender, Kecia Vitorelo, and Jennifer Campbell.

**Absent:** None

**Opening prayer:** Led by Ann Hennessey. Next month's volunteer is Sr. Nancy McInerney.

**Spaghetti dinner:** Kecia Vitorelo and Ann Hennessey presented.

**Background:** Last year council agreed to raise \$30,000 if Fr. Llamas would agree to reinstate Sr. Nancy's position. Parish staff lowered the debt to \$10,000. This spaghetti dinner would be the first fundraiser toward paying down that debt. Most details of the dinner were settled through e-mail correspondence over the past two months.

**Discussion:** Tony Hock said he wanted other ministries involved in the Nov. 5 spaghetti dinner, wording on the tickets that this dinner was to raise money to save ministries, and announcements made after Masses that the dinner is meant to save ministries. He does not feel the parish has information about St. Joseph's finances. This prompted a lengthy discussion about the Finance Council's role, the parish's obligation to the construction of St. Maria de Goretti, the planned State of the Parish address in early October, parishioners' commitment to St. Joseph's, anger among parishioners for various reasons, the need to get parishioners involved in the parish, isolation of parishioners, crises of faith, Mass attendance, and the parish festival.

**Consensus:** The council agreed to host the Nov. 5 spaghetti dinner with the Knights of Columbus' assistance with the understanding that tickets and announcements would reflect the fact that this is a fundraiser to help alleviate some of the parish's financial problems, and that other ministries and parishioners would be recruited to help out. Ann Hennessey will draft an announcement and send it to council members for editing prior to the October meeting, where the council will decide whether to accept the final version. She will also e-mail out a sign up list of lead jobs needed for the spaghetti dinner. Leads will be responsible for recruiting volunteers from the parish to help out in their areas.

**Liturgical Changes:** Jennifer Campbell presented, then left the meeting.

**Background:** The new edition of the Roman Missal will be used starting Nov. 27, 2011. A subcommittee has been meeting biweekly to discuss how to educate the parish about the changes.

**Discussion:** Jennifer Campbell outlined the campaign to educate parishioners, including presentations at Mass, parent-youth meetings, bulletin inserts, information posted on the parish website, and information posted on parish Facebook pages.

**Consensus:** Not applicable.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Llamas said he had nothing to report since he has been on vacation for the past month.

**Finance Committee:** Mary Carrillo said the parish Finance Council last year struggled with how to trim the budget. This year it is struggling with how to increase revenue. She said she will forward the Parish Council minutes to the Finance Council, and will discuss with the Finance Council whether its minutes should be posted on the parish website.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Janet Brabender outlined plans for parish's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next year.

**Background:** Although the parish of St. Joseph's is much older, the current site will be 50 years old next year. The parish staff has requested that the council assist with a year-long birthday celebration which could double as a fundraiser for the parish. The council hosted a logo contest which culminated at the parish festival.

**Discussion:** Janet Brabender suggested a special Mass with the bishop to celebrate. Council discussed pictorial directory. Some parishioners feel it would be an invasion of privacy, Janet said. Some wondered if the directory could become a fundraiser. Ann Hennessey said she has coordinated a church directory and she felt it wouldn't be good as a fundraiser.

**Consensus:** Deb Bryant called for the formation of a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary subcommittee. Dennis Zanardi, Stephen Lunsford and Deb Bryant agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

**Father-Daughter Dance:** Amelina Mendoza announced that money for the Father-Daughter dance she is coordinating will be donated to help parish ministries. The dance is Oct. 14.

**Fundraising Ideas:** The chair tabled discussion of fundraising to the October meeting due to the meeting running late.

**July Meeting Minutes:** The council reached consensus that the minutes were correct.

**December Meeting:** The chair tabled discussion of the meeting.

**PPC Retreat:** The chair tabled discussion of the retreat.

**Statistics on donations per Mass:** The chair tabled discussion.

**Roundtable:** No roundtable discussion was held.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011.