

Parish Council Meeting
July 14, 2008

Meeting began with a prayer led by Father Tom.

New business ideas:

- Signage around church
- Easement on Shannon road
- Breakdown of finance section in bulletin – make more specific

Campaign and Building Fund

- Father Tom discussed finances of parish from 2002 – current day; showing income and expenses for parish
- Pre-school is not figured in church finance report; Pre-school has separate report
- Profit and Loss statement from July 2007 to June 2008
- 5% increase in annual income over last five years
- Review of budget shows parish is currently \$52,000. **Under Planed** expenses this year.
- New construction:
 1. \$104,000 spent (expense) thus far (from savings account/building fund – not from operating expenses)
 2. look at expenses thus far with project of Family Life Center
 3. architect ~ \$70K (model, plans)
 4. hired civil engineer (land use compatibility survey, DEP, Core of Engineers, FL DEP, wetlands issues)
 5. \$979,000 pledged so far on campaign – hoped for at least 1.5M
 6. Will owe bishop (Aprox.\$450K) for Faith Sharing Campaign
 7. Based on campaign at this point will not be able to build gym
 8. Balance on note as of July 2008 (\$585K)
 9. Total in savings May 31, 2008 (\$484K)
- Council reviewed current architect rendition of new addition – includes three additional modular classrooms (with bathrooms & plumbing), parking lot area, covered drop off area, and deck area behind classrooms
- Hope is to have covered walkway from church building to classrooms
- Work will be completed by parishners to help defray cost, ie landscaping, painting
- Patrick shared this process was discussed by building committee – this section is highland so we don't have to deal with Core per wetlands
- Council decided to push forward on building of this west end of the property.
- David brought up how Boy Scouts would like the addition of a fire pit, if possible. Council looked at possible locations and agreed they would like it to happen in the future.

Parish Goals and Objectives

Council reviewed goals – those that have been accomplished so far

- 6 bible-based small faith sharing groups during Lent and Advent – accomplished
- Teach religious education using bible as primary source – attempted, not successful; will return to more traditional program for 2008-2009 school year.
- Incorporate service projects as part of youth ministry – did not accomplish
- Develop curriculum to attract youth group members – Lyn Colello is working on this for 2008-2009 school year
- Develop resources to hire full-time youth minister – not accomplished
- Organize quarterly newcomer welcoming event – accomplished
- Strengthen welcoming committee – accomplished
- Reach out to welcome back non-practicing Catholics - accomplished
- Annual Stewardship Fair – October 11-12th – Each group will set up a table and explain how group works and operates
- Habitat for Humanity house – working on this goal
- Bereavement committee – did not accomplish
- Annual Mission – had one mission but have not planned new mission for 2008
- Eucharistic Adoration – accomplished
- Charismatic Prayer Group – work in progress on "Life in the Spirit" seminar
- Publish information about local retreats – work in progress – David is going to work on this further in; Jim is going to add link to parish website with retreat information for youth and adults
- Parish directory – accomplished
- Father Tom talk with parishners about Building On Our Faith campaign – accomplished
- Publish annual report – not accomplished

Discussion: continue with goals from Summer 2006 not yet accomplished or set new goals for parish; council decided to continue trying to accomplish current goals AND work on completing new additions to property (modular classrooms, etc)

Work on:

- Stewardship fair
- Annual retreat
- Youth group – service projects
- Financial reports of parish

Vote for Parish Council

- President: Jim Kelly
- Vice President: David Delahoussaye
- Secretary: Lisa Burns

New member: Shonda Trantina

Action Items

- In bulletin and pulpit announcements - work on these four areas
- Explain in more detail what is involved with each program and ask for volunteers
- Summer 2009 – begin new goal process, assemblies, etc.
- Feb. 2009 – schedule information, meeting days and times

New Items for Discussion

- Discussion about signs outside of building: additional parking, main office of church, bathroom sign (none); Add sign – additional parking/main entrance
- Right of way assessment – we do not pay for easement to property; owner will only let us ease it and not buy it outright; decision to re-contact owner by Ken Borick
- Offertory broken down more in bulletin: discussion on how to break it down
 1. Example: budgeted weekly amount listed if on goal get Charlie Brown with a smiling face; did not reach budgeted weekly amount – get Linus with his thumb/crying
 2. Example: budget amount – this week and year to date

Meeting closed with an Our Father.