

Saint Rita Parish Council

Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2007

Members in Attendance

Father Tom Collins

Lisa Burns

Dave Casey

Ken Borick

Jim Kelly

David Delahoussaye

Patrick McCarthy

Felita Asteinza

Terry Casey

Lynn Waddell

Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM with a review of the night's agenda.

Father Tom led the scriptural meditation prayer on Luke 23:33-43.

Jim Kelly began group discussion with review of Parish Goals and objectives.

Goal 1

Objective 3 has been met with great success. RE program is successfully using the Bible as its primary text book. Both students and parents have responded positively.

Goal 2- Develop programs to teach all parishioners to have a loving, working knowledge of the Bible.

This year's Bible study has gone very well, with better than expected participation.

Suggestions for next year's classes are Revelations and Matthew.

Continued use of the Bible at Spirit Night and all RE classes.

Goal 3

Objective 2 – Developing a curriculum that will attract youth group members. This goal is on going. Youth group participation is up.

Middle school students have enjoyed several social events as a group and a Lock-In is being planned.

Goal 4

Objective 2 – Jim Kelly will contact Jackie Kelly to obtain update for next meeting.

Goal 5

Objective 2- Deacon Casey updated members on the success of the Habitat for Humanity Project, participation is up and fund raising is on going. St. Rita's will host the annual "Volunteer Appreciation Dinner" on April 27, 2007. We are also working closely with others on the March 31 Fund Raising Project – Habitrot.

Goal 6

Objective – Week long Mission has been completed. The Lenten Mission with Father Bill Halbing was very well received. Cost for the program was airfare for Father Bill. A love offering of over \$3,000.00 was also given to Father Bill.

In addition a Family Fall Mission is in the works for October.

Goal 6

Objective 1 New Parish Directory. The new directory final proof meeting will be held this week. Directories will be forthcoming. Father will also be publishing Parish Progress Report. Our web site is up and running.

Father Tom called for discussion on recommendations for working new objectives for our summer season. It was decided to begin work on Goal 5 Objective 2 – Eucharistic Adoration on day per week.

New Business

Building Update

We have not received a response from the Diocese concerning the building of the Family Life Center. The property just south of ours is believed to be under contract. Jim Kelly will research the property status for us and report at next meeting. We have not received mitigation completion from the county.

Parish 25th Jubilee events

Church will be decorated with silver Banner at the Saint Rita Statute announcing Jubilee year. Terry Casey will coordinate with Chick Huettel.

Friday night dinner at Guglielmo's restaurant was discussed. It was suggested that a different site be researched. The space at Guglielmo's is very limited and will limit our options of socializing and entertainment. The date for the dinner is May 18, 2007. The Bishop will be invited to our dinner along with former pastors.

The Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 20th, is in the final planning stages. The site at Eden state park has been reserved; the Men's Club will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes and drinks. Each elementary RE class will host a game. Elementary awards will be given. A special recognition of Deacon Dave's 27th Anniversary of Ordination will be celebrated.

Feast Day May 22, will be Family Potluck, Awards ceremony and Movie Night, following the 5:15 PM Mass. Spirit Night will not be held this week. It was confirmed to invite Jeff and Lisa Trumphs.

Father Tom presented the update on our Parish Finances. Offertory is under what was budgeted, budgeted 58K has on received 41K. It was suggested that a stewardship letter be written and sent to all parishioners to increase offertory. Father Tom will schedule a

finance committee meeting to address concerns. Father reported that of the 1.6 million pledged to the "Building on Faith Campaign" 1.3 million has been collected. Dave Delahoussaye suggested a fund raising project to pay off all debts.

Sound System

The Church sound system speakers will be checked and an expert opinion on ways to improve our existing system will be obtained.

Next meeting will be June 4, 2007 at 6:30 PM