

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2008

Meeting was called to order by: Arnold Besier, President

Opening prayer by: Arnold Besier

Guests: Susan Starr, Marcy Brenner

1. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Susan Starr reported that the 3 members have divided the commissions between them to help the commissions understand their budgets. The budgets are due in by April 25. We appear to be 15% ahead in offertory from year to date. We will continue with the second collection envelopes. Beginning with the next bulletin we will be posting our income and expenses for a monthly period. The Finance Committee will be able to have income projections after the last April collection.

2. PARISH LIFE

3. FAITH FORMATION

4. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE

5. STEWARDSHIP

Arnold discussed the Parish Planning that will be starting this month. Each member received a copy of the outline and it will be posted on the bulletin board for parishioners.

6. WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Stephen Spear reported on the successful Envisioning Workshop that was held this weekend for 20-40 year olds with the hope of getting feedback from them on what they would like the Church to provide them. 28 married adults with 19 children participated. They were given a case study to read and then broke out into discussion groups. The discussion guide and summary are posted on the bulletin board for parishioners to read. The summary described St. Charles as a warm, welcoming, and child-friendly parish. Participants stated they would appreciate more childcare, more activities for their age group and flexible scheduling of adult talks and activities.

The Parish Council felt that it was important to send a letter to all who attended and to hopefully form a committee to continue with future activities with this group. Fr. Concannon will look into contacting a speaker to talk to this age group.

New Business:

1. Marcy Brenner asked and was given permission to look into the cost and how-to of adding attachments to the pews to hold welcoming cards, a church information sheet and a follow the mass brochure.

Old Business:

1. Arnold asked about programming the heat in the church. It has been referred to Bruce Cole, maintenance supervisor and he is to get information.
2. Fr. talked to St. John's Parish Council about St. Charles becoming more involved with the bazaar and although they were very appreciative it was felt that it may be too late this year to think about a new booth. Fr. will talk to Karl Bonner about volunteers they may need and how we could best help.
3. The May Parish Council meeting is changed to May 13.
4. Arnold will attend a W&S meeting at Boothbay on May 18 to meet with other church members about how to work out a way for parishioners to visit the cluster churches and for the host church to make a real celebration out of it.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Next meeting will be May 13 with Finance providing prayer and refreshments.