

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 2008

**Meeting was called to order by:** Arnold Besier, President

**Opening prayer by:** Brian Congleton

**Guests:** Marcy Brenner & Jim Russell. Mary Tennant and Margaret Lonsdale from the Coastal Rotary

## 1. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

David Aust reviewed our financial position which at this time is tracking ahead of last year. He wants to look at the December figures and get a good 3 month picture before deciding whether we will need to make any adjustments in our spending. April is the goal for primary budget figures with May being the month for final figures and discussion.

## 2. PARISH LIFE

## 3. FAITH FORMATION

It was announced that Mary Turner has resigned as bookkeeper and Adult Faith Formation Director and that Barbara Pianka will resign as Faith Formation Director in May of this year. The Adult Faith Formation position may not be filled until the cluster process moves along. The bookkeeping position has been filled by Jeannine DeRosby.

## 4. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE

The Coastal Rotary representatives gave a presentation on Uganda and the work that was done last year with our \$1000.00 donation. There was a discussion on how the Kisubi Brothers Centre would benefit from us being a sister parish by way of friendship, prayer and networking. Any financial assistance would be through fund-raisers and special campaigns. It was a unanimous vote that we include Kisubi as a sister parish.

## 5. STEWARDSHIP

## 6. WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

### **New Business:**

Our Seder Supper this year will be held in Bath at the Beth Israel Congregation and will be a "Kosher" meal with a maximum of 55 people.

A unanimous vote was taken to provide \$400.00 for a 1 day retreat for members of the DIM team to reflect on this year's program.

### **Old Business:**

It was decided that Stephen Spear and Paul Hockran would form a focus group to discuss the needs of the 20-40 year olds in our parish. There was a long discussion about how all denominations are seeing a drop off in attendance. It was felt that this is not the time to try to put any new practices in motion, because of the state of flux that the Cluster is in, but that it was worthwhile to try to find out what this group would like to see happen in the future.

### **Adjournment/Closing Prayer**

Next meeting will be February 4 with Social Justice and Peace providing prayer and refreshments.