

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by: Arnold Besier, President

Opening prayer by: Arnold Besier

Guests: Susan Starr

Fr. Concannon reported:

There were 17 applicants for the Business Manager position and 5 finalists. The applications for the 5 finalists will be sent to Chancery for review. It is planned to have a Business Manager in place before July 1.

The Census will be taken June 1. A census video will be shown at all Masses at St. John's and St. Charles on April 26/27. There will be volunteer training at the beginning of May.

Richmond has changed their Mass schedule from Sat. to Sun. at 10:30 and have seen a doubling of parishioners and offertory. Fr. Dinga and Fr. Senghas are covering the Masses and when Fr. Senghas starts at the Drexel Chapel Fr. Dinga will be doing all the Masses at St. Ambrose.

1. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

David Aust gave a report on Jan. and Feb. offertory. Our offertory was up in January, but down in February. He feels that at this time we are doing alright. He announced that he is moving in April and that this would be his last council meeting. Everyone was sorry to see him go and wished he and his family the best.

The Finance Commission recommended that we continue with the second collection envelopes, but not actually do a second collection. The envelopes would be put in our 1 weekly collection. All monies collected will be sent, to the Chancery, along with 5% of that week's offertory. If the amount falls short of the budgeted figure then the budgeted figure would be sent. By a unanimous vote it was decided to accept this recommendation and begin immediately.

Any requests for budget reports should go through Susan Starr.

2. PARISH LIFE

3. FAITH FORMATION

4. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE

5. STEWARDSHIP

6. WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

Stephen Spear was asked to talk to Rich Pitre about using the hymns in the hymnals so that paper is not wasted printing up song sheets. There had been a complaint from a parishioner.

New Business:

1. Fr. suggested we look into programming the heat in the church. Marcia will check on that.
2. It was decided to change the dates of the Parish Council in the hopes that we could get a more up to date look at finances since the bank statement usually comes in around the 11th.
3. Arnold thanked Social Justice and Peace for the slide show. It was well received.
4. Fr. Concannon suggested that we think about becoming more involved with the St. John's bazaar by perhaps have some kind of booth with all the money earned going towards are commitment to the school.

5. With the departure of Vice Chairman David Aust it was decided that the Vice Chairman job would be divided by 3 PC members. Stephen Spear in April, Brian Congleton in May and Joann Segovia in June.

Old Business:

Stephen Spear passed out a proposed flyer for the Envisioning Workshop, asked that an article be run in the bulletin and discussed his plans for the workshop. Fr. suggested that Easter Sunday weekend would be a wonderful time to see a lot of the 20-40 year olds and to hopefully get them to commit to attending the workshop.

Arnold passed out a proposed Parish Planning schedule. The first objective is for all the commissions to decide on goals they would like to see the Parish develop, look at preliminary budgets and income projections with the hope that costs could be lowered and a parish wide calendar could be put in place.

Deacon Frank had asked Arnold to report on a meeting that was held March 9 with 2 members of the Worship and Spirituality Commission from all the churches in the cluster. The Cluster committee had asked that this be done to foster a better understanding of what could be done to enhance the spirituality of all the parishioners. They decided that the overall approach would be to form a team of at least 6 members from each church and have them visit another church in the cluster on a Sat. or Sun and attend Mass, be introduced to parishioners and have a brief social after Mass.

Fr. Concannon expressed concern that we would be narrowing our focus and suggested that instead, each church could select a weekend to host parishioners from the other churches. Make it a big event with music at all possible masses, decorations and a reception for all to mingle and meet. This was accepted with great enthusiasm.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Next meeting will be April 14 with Worship and Spirituality providing prayer and refreshments.