

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by: Arnold Besier, President

Opening prayer by: Arnold Besier

Guests: Marcy Brenner, Phil Mason

1. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Phil presented figures showing that we have a definite shortage of revenue for the first quarter. It was decided to rework the figures shown in the bulletin to accurately reflect that we need to receive \$11,000 not \$9,000 weekly to match our expenditures.

2. PARISH LIFE

3. FAITH FORMATION

4. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE

1. Jean Sanborn announced that next Sunday evening in the Library she will be facilitating a forum on Fighting for Peace, Finding Common Ground. It is hoped that this will provide a venue for people to talk **to** each other and not **at** each other about a common goal of peace.

5. STEWARDSHIP

6. WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

New Business:

1. Beginning in January the Parish Council meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Common Leadership at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Deacon Frank reported on the meeting that was held recently for the people who have volunteered to take part in the D.I.M. Outreach program. This program will put our words into action and assist those people in need. 5 members of 1st Parish Church attended the meeting and showed interest in helping with the program. The B.A.I.C. is also aware of this program. Deacon Frank stressed that we move slowly on this and make sure that we do it right. He passed out a copy of the guidelines.

Arnold on Communications:

1. The Common Leadership meeting has been revamped to include only the heads of the commissions, which will meet a few times a year prior to the Council Meeting.
2. The minutes of the Parish Council are posted on the Website.
3. He has talked to Liz at St. John's about having Peggy Mason work with her on redesigning the bulletin.
4. Some communication should be given to the parishioners about our being a covenant church for Bread for the World.

After School Care Program:

Steve Spear gave a detailed report on his research regarding after school day care. He provided the council with information on what is now available in the area and how one would go about instituting this at St. Charles. There are many extensive rules and regulations involved in doing this and questions came up whether we could or would want to try to do this at St. Charles. Steve suggested that maybe there is another way to help parents in the parish, but that we would have to reach out to them to find out what their need is. He will follow up on this by possibly doing a survey.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Next meeting will be January 7 with Parish Life providing prayer and refreshments