

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
October 1, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by: Arnold Besier, President

Opening prayer by: Joann Segovia

Guests: Marcy Brenner, Rich Pitre, Dee Miskill, Phil Mason

1. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Arnold requested that Phil Mason talk to the council about the proposed budget presentation to the parishioners. Phil handed out an expenditure and income pie chart with some background on the figures and explained his feelings about giving out too much information at one time as to confuse everyone in the process. It was suggested that along with Finance's (Phil's) report that a sheet be passed out after Mass showing the 3 columns with Exp., Inc. & fiscal 2008 projections (such as added costs of a Cluster Business Manager and school subsidies) on one side and some commentary on the back. Phil suggested that a couple of PC members and a couple of Finance members have a meeting to discuss what information they feel the parishioners would like to have emphasized and that we should be looking at putting something in the bulletin occasionally, showing how expensive it is to run a parish and how our money is spent. It was unanimously voted to present a verbal review of finances including '08 at the Masses on Oct. 20/21, hand out after Mass a sheet with more detail and put additional information in the Gatherings.

2. PARISH LIFE

3. FAITH FORMATION

Joann Segovia talked about the book Dreams & Visions and asked the PC to take copies and read so that it could be discussed at the January meeting. She, along with Mary & Barbara will have a parish plan in place at that time. It was suggested that the program will work under the umbrella of Disciples in Mission and that it was started this weekend when Deacon Frank talked to the 3rd-7th grade classes with some of the parents in attendance. She stated that the program is based on community catechesis and that Barbara, Mary and she are working on training a team along with catechists to plan to implement this when Disciples in Mission ends. Fr. reminded everyone that Disciples in Mission will not be ending, that it is the Bishop's plan for Evangelization and will continue past the 3 year program.

4. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE

Jean gave a handout describing the proposed peace poles for St. Charles and St. Katharine Drexel and their locations. After discussing the history of peace poles and the Church's stand on peace it was unanimously voted to install the poles. Paul Hockran offered to dig the holes and it was decided to dedicate the one at St. Charles on January 1 at our World Day of Peace Mass. SJ&P will have the responsibility for maintaining or removing the poles, if necessary, in the future.

5. STEWARDSHIP

6. WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

New Business:

1. Fr. Concannon announced that as of July 1, 2008 St. Charles, St. John's, St. Ambrose, St. Katharine Drexel and St. Andrew's will be known as All Saints Parish with 1 Parish Council, 1 set of books and 1 Finance committee. St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and Our Lady Queen of Peace will be coming in at a later date.

2. Arnold suggested that one of the ways we could reach out to our parishioners is to provide after school day care. He has talked to Mrs. Tostevin, principal at St. John's school, about what they provide. They have 25 children headed up by 2 St. John's teachers and they charge for their service. Questions arose about insurance and transportation and Steve Spear volunteered to help Arnold look into a program that could be done here at St. Charles. It was mentioned that other groups in the area such as Family Focus provide this service.

Old Business:

1. Dee Miskill, new editor of the Gatherings explained that the 1st issue will be a transitional issue, but that in the future she hopes to make the newsletter a strong communication vehicle with a different look and a dynamic format which will have more articles and cover special events.
2. Deacon Frank was unable to attend the meeting and so provided Arnold with an overview of D.I.M. which Arnold distributed to the council. Arnold reiterated the 3 goals of Disciples in Mission.
3. Arnold on Communications:
 1. How we communicate with the parishioners (bulletin, Gatherings, website)
 2. How parishioners communicate with us
 3. How we communicate with each other

He presented a survey that was done in the Diocese of Cleveland and suggested that we might want to do this here at St. Charles. It was felt that because of clustering that we are too much in transition to take this on at the present time but that some of the questions might be used when the census is taken next year.

4. Arnold reported that the new format for Common Leadership worked very well tonight. Only the heads of the commissions met with a prepared outline of their commission's plans. This will be continued for now with the next meeting being Jan. 7 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Next meeting will be November 5 with Parish Life providing prayer and refreshments