

St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2009

Present	Fr. Mosimann, Pastor	Frank Salvato	Absent	Charlie Rash
Members:	Fr. Tran, Parochial Vicar	Margaret Santos	Members:	Rorie Rossie
	Mary Davis, Chair	Tom Van Nuys		Kate Trask
	Joe Ange	Jim Wynn		Wendy Wagner
	Carol Hertz			Siobhan Sheehan
	Bill Knauer	Guest: Ken Tschida		

1. Opening Prayer and Review of Minutes

Father Mosimann opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:38 PM. The minutes from the March meeting were approved without changes.

2. Capital Campaign

Mr. Knauer reported that the Parish extended the Klote contract 3 more weeks. We established a campaign transition team with Mr. Ken Tschida as Campaign Director. A routine audit revealed that an aggressive use of present and future fundraising totals. The present pledge amount was reduced by \$795,000 to compensate for an overvalued stock and removing estimates of gifts, fundraising events, and building fund envelopes not considered pledges. Mr. Knauer also reported that have nearly 90 trained visitors and expect that two-thirds of families will be contacted by the end of May.

Ken Tschida reported 354 pledges totaling \$4.89M. A parishioner who is expert in MS Access is developing reports for the Campaign.

3. New Church

Mr. Knauer and Father Mosimann presented the conceptual plans to the Bishop, who had minor comments but agreed with the direction that we are going. The project is on schedule. We have awarded contract to Stantec, a local Site Engineering firm, to develop site plans, and the Diocesan office contracted Sully Engineering to provide an estimate. The architects are moving on to the design development process, and Angie Plowman, a parishioner and attorney, will be our representative with the town to help gain a Special Exception for the new church.

4. Committee Reports

Finance

Mr. Ange stated our ytd income is \$2.3M and expense is \$1.6M, that we have \$4.7 M in assets (\$4.0 M in Upon this Rock savings), and \$128 K in cemetery savings.

Outreach

The Outreach "Immediate Need" coordinator is stepping down and the search is on for a replacement. The Easter Basket project was very large this year and a success.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee is now registered with the International Catholic Stewardship Council. The Capital Campaign will continue to be the main focus of the committee. Father Tran had a comment from a parishioner that felt he did not receive the welcome he had expected.

Knights of Columbus

Mr. Frank Salvato reported that many Knights are active in several ministries and gave a short history of the group. He announced that there was a nomination for a new Grand Knight who, if elected, would assume the role of Parish Council representative.

5. Spanish Mass and Ministry

Father Mosimann reported that Magaly Fagan had been hired as the Spanish Administrative Assistant to help greet the Spanish-speaking parishioners in the office. The Spanish Mass continues with about 160 in attendance. The assignment of a Spanish-speaking priest has been slowed by INS regulations, but we expect one soon. Father also promoted the idea of keeping the office open beyond 5:00 PM.

6. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be on September 9, 2009. After Fr. Mosimann led a closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.