

Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 29, 2011
4:00PM at the Rectory

Present

Fr. Jose Mudakodiyil
Tony Borba Mary Vroman
Glenn Kotara Nova Dibala
Barbara Moore ~~Mike House~~
Kathie Thatcher Marlene Guasco
Jim Humeston

Guests

Sally Sutton – Secretary
Debbie Garrett – Youth Development
Nick Wavers – Liturgy & Music Ministry
Bob Gilbert – Knights of Columbus
Jim Kester – Stewardship Committee
Cecilia Costas – Welcoming Committee
Judi Kester

Absent

Mike House

The meeting opened at 4:00PM with an opening scripture reading, prayer and mission statement recitation:
“We are a church family, centered on the Eucharist, living and sharing our faith and God-given talents and gifts.”

Attendance & Introductions: Attendance was taken – no introductions needed at this time.

Minutes from 10/25/11 meeting were accepted as written.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor: Fr. Jose Mudakodiyil

- We celebrated All Saints and All Souls with special Masses – reasonable amount of attendance.
- Had 1 baptism at Holy Trinity on Thanksgiving Day – that was very special.
- Thanksgiving Mass saw 50-70 in attendance at Holy Redeemer. Last year at Holy Trinity there was standing room only on Thanksgiving, this year there was ~50 and half were from the baptism crowd.
- Have now finished with the five weeks of instructions for the Roman Missal changes. Last Sunday the new changes began.
- Coming up we have the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, Dec 8th. We will have a vigil Mass on 12/7 here at Holy Redeemer and then the normal holy day schedule of 9AM Mass at Holy Redeemer and 11AM Mass at Holy Trinity.
- 12/8 – 12/9 is the National Night of Prayer for Life. We will have adoration at Holy Redeemer from 8:00PM-1:00AM. Have a few sign ups, but still need some more.
- Christmas and Advent plans are underway.
- The Advent Reconciliations have been scheduled for Tue, Dec 20th @ 7:00PM. We will have 4 additional priests.
- Will again have an hour of adoration on New Year’s Eve from 11AM-12PM followed by a Mass to bring in the New Year.

Office Report: Sally Sutton

- We are in the process of getting our visitor Christmas letters out, along with Christmas cards to our parishioners with the Christmas schedule included.
- The offices will be closed next Thursday in observance for the Immaculate Conception.

Youth Development: Debbie Garrett

- Dec 7 we will be caroling at Prairie House at 5:30PM. We will be leaving the church at ~5:15PM and will come back for the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
- Nativity Play setup is Dec 11th after Mass. Play is Fri, Dec 16 at 5:30PM followed by a potluck.
- There is a Youth Activities Meeting this Sunday – main topic is the Valentine’s Spaghetti Dinner
- Klein family (HT parishioners that live in Bend) donated \$500 for the Rel Ed program

Liturgy & Music Ministry: Nick Wavers

- Everything is coming along for Christmas.
- Lights and decorations are getting put up at Holy Redeemer and Holy Trinity.

- Youth teaching on the Roman Missal changes went well.
- Have been working with the Holy Trinity cantors regarding the New Roman Missal changes, and have been have a very good time.
- Now have 3 altar servers at Holy Trinity.
- Our Lady of the Snows will have a lector review this weekend after Mass.
- Spent some time working on trying to get more ministers and Holy Trinity.

Helping Hands: Nova Dibala

- Everything going very well, expect to get busier due to the winter months.
- We had a volunteer build a handrail for a parishioner
- Have some younger volunteers helping with seniors and their computer issues
- Watching a couple of parishioners that have recently had surgeries or will be having
- Just acquired a volunteer to clean Arlene Mura's gutters.
- Have ~40 volunteers from all over.
- This program is for all churches, and so far we have not had any other requests for help outside of Holy Redeemer parishioners.
 - o Ceci mentioned that Sunriver has a program IVC (Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers) that also does the same type of service, and the parishioners really help each other too.

Knights of Columbus: Bob Gilbert

- Purchased two new Christmas trees for Holy Redeemer.
- Dec 11th we will have a pancake breakfast after Holy Redeemer's 10AM Mass.
- Have 37 Knights and will have 2 new members coming in this month. We are planning on holding the First Degrees in house.
- Possible Trucker's Light Parade float, but the volunteer in charge is actually working in CA now, so not sure if that will happen.

Stewardship Committee: Jim Kester

- The last stewardship meeting was held on Nov 10.
- A matrix of the members who have taken the strengths test was passed out and discussed.
- Father presented the demographic percentages of the ME25 survey comparing all over the US. Discussion followed.
 - o It was stated that future surveys should be answered as individuals, not as households or as a couple.
- The Newsletter requirements were discussed of "why" the newsletter is needed. The purpose is to draw all four communities together socially and psychologically.
 - o Will be mailed to all parishioner households and frequent visitors.\
 - o A sample article might be that Nick interviews one of the Holy Trinity altar servers to spur more volunteers.
 - o We now have in place the editor – Chuck Washburn, the scribe for Our Lady of Snows – Mary Dutcher, Holy Trinity – Jonathan Kahnoski, and Holy Redeemer – Tina Hamel. I have approached one person at Holy Family, but as yet do not have a commitment.
 - o We are looking for a name for the newsletter. If you have a suggestion please notify me.

Welcoming Committee: Cecilia Costas

- Since the beginning of the start of this committee, August 2010, we have had 27 new families register in our parish.
- Have had 5 families register shortly after the last luncheon. The committee will meet after Christmas to discuss whether we will do another luncheon sooner than the annual.

CHURCH REPORTS

Holy Redeemer: Nova Dibala

- Bazaar made ~\$2000 profit (bake sale, café, vendors & quilts)
 - o was well attended – not too much from parishioners
 - o better profit than last year

Holy Trinity: Marlene Guasco

- Discussing organizing a group to go out to Holy Family to help show support and involvement in parish.
- CLARES Bazaar (Sunriver Christian Fellowship & Holy Trinity) went well
- Thursday morning socials after Mass are going great!

Our Lady of the Snows: Mary Vroman

- We do have a sense of belonging to the parish, but not as far out as Holy Family.
- Financially okay – a little worried about the winter.

Holy Family: Mike House not present – Debbie gave a report

- Joe Warden made his First Communion a couple of weeks ago

PARISH OLD BUSINESS

Living Your Strengths – ongoing discussion

- Last month we talked about our strengths and how they fit into four different categories. Now we are moving into the 2nd part of the discussion – how can we utilize these strengths for God and His church:
 - o Discussed the council members' strengths in the category Strategic Thinking and the strength Activator.

ACN Affinity Fundraiser: Tony Borba

- We are currently at 5 services and just need 4 more for a bonus for the youth.
- If you haven't checked out the website yet you can access it directly from the home page of our parish website. --- You could save money while supporting the church and spending no more than you do right now!
- ACN is the largest telecommunications brokerage company in the world. They are in 23 countries, have 6 corporate offices and offer 33 services!

PARISH NEW BUSINESS

OTHER (for the good of the order)

Next Meeting: Tue, Jan 24, 2012, 4:00PM at the Rectory. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08PM with praying out parish mission prayer.