

Saint John the Apostle Parish
Parish Council Minutes
November 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mark Franklin. Fr. Mike led the opening prayer.

Present: Fr. Mike Fritsch,

Members: Ed Mobley, Mark Doyle, Dale DeSmith, John Kubisch, Brad Howard, Joe Branham, Mark Franklin, Jim Wade, Janet Johnson

Absent, excused: Kathy Ryan

Absent, unexcused:

Commission Chairs Present: Lynn Hansen, Ed Timperman

Also present: Chuck Peters, Jim Reinhart

The September minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections to Mass times for Mary Mother of God Vigil and Holy Day.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Community Life

1.) Women's Club: Mark reported craft show was well attended with expected profits near \$2,000.

2.) Parish Fellowship: Mark reported committee is looking to take over the Marriage Enrichment dinner, he will follow up. February 12th is possible date. This committee needs more members to spread responsibilities.

B. Education

1. Faith Formation: Lynn reports the Faith Formation commission met on Wednesday, Nov. 11 and was finally able to elect officers for this year. The elected officers are: Dean Wells- President, Maria Hilycord- Vice President and Sue Owens-Secretary.

The commission discussed the use of the St. John Vianney coloring contest image and information found online at Illuminatedink.com as an educational tool for our Catechists to use to teach the students something about St. John Vianney in the Year of the Priest. Students will be allowed to submit their entry to the contest or not but all students in grades K – 6 were provided with the image, story and entry form.

Maria Hatcher brought in samples of a "Guide to Confessions for Fathers" that are published by Fathers for Good, an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus. The guide will be provided to parishioners in an upcoming bulletin or anyone can download a copy by going to their website at www.fathersforgood.org.

The idea to offer parents in the parish an opportunity to view the video "Parents of Teens Here's what you Need to Know" by Ellen Marie and Jason

Evert was discussed. The FFC thought this could be offered some evening in January or February. It was also suggested that we have several books on the subject of living a chaste lifestyle by well known Catholic authors, such as Christopher West and Dr. Gregory Popcak, available the night of the video for the parent to look at as examples of suggested reading of the topic.

- 2. Youth Commission:** The St. Johns Youth Group has proven to be quite successful with attendance averaging about 23 teens and several parents who have volunteered to help when needed. The events have included a Wacky Race, a Scavenger Hunt, and a Game night so far and Caroling is being planned for December. These activities combined with a bit of catechesis as food for the soul and a hot meal as food for the hungry teens make up each Youth event.
- 3. RCIA:** We are preparing to go through the first Rite in RCIA, the Rite of Acceptance, which will take place at the 10:00 Mass Sunday, December 6.
- 4. REP:** no report
- 5. Adult Catechetical Team:** The ACT is not currently a functioning group, however the Adult Apologetics Class that meets on Sunday mornings is going well and is contemplating dividing into two groups, one for those who have been involved and have gone through the first part of the program and the other for newcomers who have not yet had that advantage. A final decision has not been made on this as yet.
The Adult Catechetical Team was always in charge of the annual Marriage Enrichment Dinner. If this event is to continue it will have to be picked up by another group.

C. Liturgy: Fr. Paul Etienne will be installed as bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming and a number of our diocesan presbyters have asked to attend on December 10th in Cheyenne. This was the date of St. John's Advent penance service. In lieu of a penance service, Fr. Mike will have extended time for confession, from 3:30 to 4:30 the four Saturdays prior to Christmas. Other parishes in the area will still have their penance services as well. St Charles, December 2nd; St. Paul's, December 3rd; St. Jude's, December 10th; St. Agnes, December 14th and St. Martin of Tours, December 17th.

The Lessons and Carols Christmas Program will be held at St. John's at 4PM Sunday, December 13th with refreshments following.

A collection for Christmas flowers will be taken after all of the Masses on the weekend of December 12/13.

D. Maintenance: Light behind the tabernacle has been fixed.

E. Finance: Wade reported on financial statements. Collections are \$500 to \$800 less each week than needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Christmas Party will be December 11th starting at 6:30; RSVP by 12/7.
- B. Tower will be on hold until county zoning issues are resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Coffee and Donuts will be hosted by Parish Council November 22nd.

PASTOR'S REMARKS: St. John's hosted an ad hoc committee meeting for Evangelization in October, November with another meeting planned for January. The purpose of the committee is to evaluate and determine future Evangelization efforts throughout the Archdiocese. The committee is led by Peg McEvoy from the Archdiocese and has 8 members from around the Archdiocese.

NOTES: NEXT MEETING January 13th at 7:00

Submitted by

Janet Johnson
Secretary