

Parish Council Minutes
January 16, 2007

Opened with prayer. Minutes from November were approved.

A.R.E.-Adult – Scripture group started with approximately 10 in attendance. Light weigh, Shawl Ministry and the Bereavement committee are all still busy and meeting regularly. Beth is seeing a few parishioners for personal spiritual direction. Mathew Kelly will be here on March 18th. Preparations for Lent, which begins 2-21, are in process.

A.R.E./REP/Youth Ministry 1st Reconciliation took place on 12-5. 32 Kids received the sacrament. There are 12 new kids in REP and a couple in RCIC due to families coming back to the church. Discussions came up about REP grading....Lisa will contact Pam to discuss further and we may invite the Faith Formation committee to the next meeting.

Bldg. /Grounds – Security lights have been installed in the car port. Computer lab will be completely re-done – the café and the library will be restructured as a media center to use for teachings. There was a new leak discovered in church in the Narthex...Cord Brothers is looking in to it. Piddlers have started painting the rectory.

Faith Commission - Met with Beth to discuss Spirituality. A new program called Theology on Tap will start on 2-6-07 at the K of C.

Finance - Capital Campaign was discussed. It is coming to a close and a letter will go out in the bulletin. About 410K raised and 25K in restricted gifts. There were 230 responses received. Collections are up. Discussed school budget. A part time Volunteer Coordinator (Kathleen Simpson) was hired and paid for with savings from Insurance changes.

Capital Campaign: - See comments under Finance.

Hispanic – Guadeloupe was very well attended. There have been several baptisms.

Liturgy - In February, the accolades will walk down the isle with the gift bearers. 5th graders will be trained in February. Discussed Advent – suggestion of putting in bulletin a month before beginning of advent for volunteers for lighting of the wreath. Did not get much help in decorating the church this year. Lent: Ash Wednesday masses will be at 6:00 am; 8:00 am, 12 noon and 6:00 pm. Spanish mass will be at 7:30pm. Music has been set for Holy Week, and Lenten decorations were discussed. Blessing of the Throats will be Feb. 3rd and 4th; Renewal of wedding vows will be Feb. 10th and 11th; Coffee and donuts sponsored by the Boy Scouts will be held Feb. 18th.

Parish Nursing – Over 80 flu shots were given in December. Blood pressure will resume in February.

School Commission – Preschool options for the '07 – '08 school year are being looked at. Staffing is OK. Commission will have booth at the trade fair at Shelbyville High School on March 21. Commission is investigating the

opportunity for St. Vincent subsidy for kids that go to St. Joe. Pursuing preschool grants with the Blue River Foundation. Steering Committee is being set up for school. Working with Mark Clarke on this...looking to have 6-8 people on the committee. First meeting will be Thursday, 1-25 with Parents. Hope to have the committee up and running by June with the goal of becoming a "Blue Ribbon" school. Pancake breakfast will be held 1-28-07.

Planning Committee: Kathleen Simpson was hired as part time Volunteer Coordinator. The stewardship committee is being formed. Working on Parish Summit #3 planning. School commission steering committee also being formed.

New Business – Parish Summit is set for March 3rd from 9 am to 1pm in the school cafeteria.

Close with Prayer.

Next Executive Meeting: February 20 at 6:00 p.m.
Next Parish Council Meeting: February 27 at 7:00 p.m.