

Parish Council Minutes
March 27, 2007

Opened with prayer. Minutes from February were approved.

A.R.E.-Adult – Scripture group has 10-12 in attendance. Light weigh, Shawl Ministry and the Bereavement committee are all still meeting regularly. Mathew Kelly was here on March 18th which brought in a good crowd. About 2/3 of the crowd were visitors. Theology on Tap met on 3-5-07 at the K of C. There were about 25 people. Talked about the *Tomb of Jesus* TV show the first half, and then talked about the definition of faith and the Liturgy in the Church.

A.R.E./REP/Youth Ministry 1st Communion parents meeting was 2-26 at 7PM. Packets handed out to everyone with information concerning the importance of the Eucharist and going to Mass. Details of the 1st Communion mass itself will be discussed. Classes in 3, 6, 8, and 10th grades took the Faith 2000 tests on 2-25. These were sent to the Archdiocese for grading and we will get results back in mid April. Have contacted Catechists to see if they will be returning next year. Asking for a commitment by 3-30. A notice has been put in the bulletin but has had no response yet. There are three openings currently, and 10 of the catechists are still discerning if they are returning. There is a great concern about finding enough catechists for next year! Working hard on recruiting lead people for Vacation Bible School from June 11-15th. Several lead positions need to be filled. The dessert supper usually sponsored by the Confirmation class has been voided due to spring break and most of the kids will be out of town. Tried to get help from St. Anne's, but they too, were unavailable due to spring break. Hilda Robinson ended up heading up this event and we are trying to get kids to help with setup/cleanup. Five kids showed for the youth meeting on 2-11, only 1 showed for the senior high meeting. Three students attended the Senior High youth rally in Clarksville. They had a wonderful time and felt it was a good experience. Gary McClure chaperoned due to the fact they were all boys and it was a sleepover. 11 kids showed up for board games and pizza on 3-5. They had a great time. 12 kids are signed up for the Easter egg hunt on April 7th.

Bldg. /Grounds – Plan to finish the Church windows, there are 16 round and 2 oval windows remaining. The repair fund should cover the cost for these improvements. Working with Mike Cord for painting, etc. Working on a plan for the next three years, getting estimates on some major projects like the parking lot and the balance of the school windows. A list will be completed and prioritized.

Faith Commission - The Evaluation process for Pam and Beth has started. They will include goals this year. Both have submitted a letter of Intent. Elections are coming up for the open positions to be filled this year.

Finance - Father reported that RCIA and new members are making a significant difference in the collections. It seems that the RCIA support giving more. School Commission Budget as well as the REP budget should be complete in April or May.

Hispanic – Mass attendance has been strong - - between 100 and 150 people weekly. They plan to have live Stations of the Cross.

Liturgy - Have some new lectors and cantors. There will be a new crown of thorns for display in church to finish out the Lenten season. Also have purchased a new candle for Weddings.

Parish Nursing – N/A

School Commission – Preschool fees have been set...we have a good package to offer in comparison to the other local schools. Will be meeting with Joan on school finances. Have three new families for the parish....enrollment could be up over 30 next year! Preschool enrollment is up as well. Joan will continue to do more advertising.

Planning Committee: Summit #3 took place on 3-3-07 in the School Cafeteria. Attendance was good. Finances and demographics for the county were the main topics. Lea Ann and Kathleen may be able to create a data base for volunteers at not cost.

New Business – Festival planning has started. Parish Council Elections were discussed

Close with Prayer. **Next Executive Meeting: April 17th at 6:00 p.m.**
Next Parish Council Meeting: April 24th at 7:00 p.m.