

MINUTES

Present: Jack Siebenaler, Chairman, Fr. Stan, Sr. Tresa Margret, Kathy Reuter, Cheryl Bonderson, Greg Ries, and Dennis Rother

Meeting started 7:15

Weekly Gospel reading/Opening prayer

Minutes were approved from the December 1, 2009 meeting.

Open Docket

A new janitor has been hired; Edgar Morfin.

Another parishioner has shown interest in quoting the job for the new school furnaces.

Pastor's Comments

Father's trip to the Holy land was a good experience and he had quite a few hits on his web site from those who wanted to follow along.

There is a collaborative Catholic Aid fundraiser between the three parishes that is in being planned. It regards a theater production possibly held in April.

Financial Report

An un-audited six month report of Parish finances was presented to the Council. It appears that we are still running behind on weekly collections from last year. The school building debt has been paid off, except for some internal borrowing. A discussion regarding the need for a capital campaign was presented.

A discussion on uncollectible tuition was held.

A meeting between the three parishes' Trustees was suggested, to determine if it is cost effective to have one or more full time employees who would work for all three parishes in positions such as janitor/custodian, administrator, or for such services as snow removal.

Parish Council Reorganization Efforts

A list of names was created from volunteers and Council member's knowledge of parishioners who might be interested in working on a task force that would go through all our buildings and indicate the items that needed addressing for current

and future maintenance. We would also like an annual preventative maintenance program to be devised. Jack and Fr. Stan will meet to determine the parameters of the task force, and Jack will contact those on the list to find volunteers for working on the task force.

#### The Seven Essential Elements of a Vibrant Parish Community

Tonight's Essential Element discussed was "Prayer and Spirituality".

Our Parish currently is open for self prayer from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., depending on daylight hours. We have Masses held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday mornings, with a rosary said before masses.

Our Parish currently has one daytime Bible study group, and an evening group is starting.

Our confirmation students attend a Net Ministry retreat each year.

Fr. Stan would like to see the Stations of the Cross continue for each week during Lent, with possibly some help from parishioners some of the weeks. He will also be purchasing some books for the back of the church that will assist in improving our prayer practices during Lent.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 23, at 7:15 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.