

Minutes for PPC Meeting on 3/5/07

1. Frank Ramsbottom – Names of student leaders for March 21 and March 28 Novena Prayer session. Frank is still waiting to hear back who from Hudson Catholic will lead the Novena.
2. Joint meeting with Finance Committee – list out ideas for fund raising to share with Finance Committee at March 19th meeting (Frank, Phil, Tony and Rosalyn).

The following are some of the items to be brought up at the joint meeting:

Ability to contribute electronically. This gives the parish a more consistent budget; it would be nice if the parish could set up an automatic deposit but people can still set up an automatic payment with their bank that gets sent to the parish center at a specific time.

- How to encourage people to give more – action item for Stewardship
 - Parish council should also return from the meeting with a list of needs that we can help with – Action Item: PPC will draft a letter for parishioners
 - What involvement does the Finance Committee have with all the activities such as Mardi Gras celebration and the Spaghetti dinner? Do they need to know or what we are doing for financing the event etc?
 - An idea that maybe we could get a “nest egg” from the finance committee to finance activities. The profits would be used to finance the next activity. To staff activities, we could rotate through the various “clubs” in the parish.
3. Activities Committee – Parish Picnic in August – Rosalyn to provide dates the Elks Pavilion is available, need to develop a marketing/advertising campaign.

The last two Sundays in August are available (August 19 and 26).

More thoughts on Mardi Gras were presented for next year’s celebration. The committee in charge of a Mardi Gras celebration this year had many ideas but were unsure of what was really wanted and how to finance the celebration.

4. Discussion of ProLife program

It’s late to do anything this year but Anna could put an announcement in the bulletin for people interested in being on the committee to call the Parish Center.

5. Religious Education update

Confirmation Retreat- 8 teenagers through CLI will run the retreat. CLI gets any profits over cost to send CLI kids to Youth Day.

Child Advocacy – Talk about Touching training is being attended

First Communion – teaching students to receive from the cup. Eucharistic Ministers should be warned that more children may be coming to receive from the cup.

6. Parishioner concerns

Handicapped people are not able to sit near the ramp door because non-handicapped people are sitting in those pews. Maybe we could reserve several pews for the handicapped (at least for the “big” masses at first).

Handicapped parking is also an issue because people are parking in the area between the church and the rectory when they shouldn't be. This seems most prevalent at the 12 o'clock Brazilian mass but is a problem for all masses.

As a parish we need to recognize that Father Tom was cleared of all charges against him. Suggestion made to have a special mass and invite him to a small reception afterwards. It's really up to Father Tom (if he even wants to come back and do a mass and have a reception afterward) and Father Walter as to how we celebrate this news.

Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 9 April in Parish Center (3rd Floor) at 7PM.

Special Thanks to Dawn Caissie for taking the minutes and to Shelia Mahoney for facilitating the 5th March PPC Meeting.