

MINUTES

Visitation Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – April 6, 2010

Attendance

Present: Pres. Mike O’Ryan, Vice President Sabrina Ruff, Sec. George Klein, Joe Falcone, Laura Murphy, Bishop Siegel. Cathy DeBernardis arrived at 7:11 P.M. Excused: Marti Gusloff, Jean Lawrence and Therese Lewis. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. as Bishop Siegel led the opening prayer.

March 2010 Meeting Minutes

March 2010 meeting minutes were distributed, reviewed and unanimously approved as presented.

Capital Campaign Update

Deacon Tony reported:

1. The air conditioning is now working in both the Church and the Valentino Center
2. 7 construction bid packages were picked up and 6 were returned - bids ranged from \$4.2M to \$5.2M. Low bidder was FBG Corporation, an Elmhurst company/parishioner with their final contract at \$4.7M including 8 of the 10 alternates in the bid package. Automatic closing doors and upgraded fire alarm panel were the 2 alternates not included.
3. Parking changes should occur within 2 weeks
4. The Church and Podesta Hall will be closed for at least the entire month of July for the installation of fire sprinklers. Masses will be held in the Valentino Center.

Guest

The Parish Council has started to invite 1 parish leader to each of our monthly meetings. This month, our guest was Terese Feeney, chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee. She reported:

1. Besides the Pastor and the Parochial Vicar, there are a total of 6 parishioners on this committee and all have some type of finance background. The Business Manager also attends meetings.
2. The committee meets at least quarterly and reviews and makes recommendations on the annual budget. They also advise the Pastor on all expenditures greater than \$20,000.
3. The Chairperson, Pastor and Business Manager sign the parish’s annual financial report to the Diocese.
4. The committee reviews internal controls, and has recently formalized the parish’s endowment/tuition assistance funds.

Pastor’s Report

Bishop Siegel reported:

1. There was a good showing at the Lenten Mission
2. There was good attendance at all Holy Week Services.
3. There was good attendance at all Easter Masses, both at the Church and the Valentino Center.

Business Manager’s Report

Report was distributed, reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

Old Business

The bulletin announcement for new Council members was approved and will run in August.

Open Discussion

Mike reported that 13 new families registered as parishioners at the March 28, 2010 monthly welcome meeting.

Closing

The next 3 meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p. m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, June 1, 2010 and September 7, 2010. The closing prayer was offered by Bishop Siegel, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by: George Klein, Secretary