

Parish Council Meeting – December 3, 2007

Present:

Lawrence Bierschenk, Father John Casey, Carlos Frias, Murielle Wright, Chick SChabow, David McKenna, Nancy Klein, Andy Allen, Mary Reyes, Michelle Bell, Rita Voelkel, Dorothy Mendolia, Inocencio Aquino.

ROOF

- We had 4 contractors come and see the work that needs to be done and bids are due 3pm on December 11th. Around that time the Diocese will open up bids and a decision of who will do the work will be made. There are some issues the Diocese brought up to their attention such as performance bond, etc. and that may increase the bids about \$10,000 but it was highly recommended. St. Stephen can make recommendations on who to choose to do the work, but one thing is that contractors will be solely responsible in getting sub contractors for electrical, plumbing, whatever, and their payment, etc.
- All is negotiable on the contract.
- Discussion on roof and clarification that this is really needed as every time it rains, a new leak appears.

CHAPEL COMMITTEE

- 30+ people had shown interest on being part of the Chapel Committee. A time needs to be set for a meeting.
- Primary concern to stop the moisture leakage.
- Must remove mold and contaminated materials
- Some water has gotten in the chapel and noticed moisture gets in through walls and floors
- Study done preciously showed need to create a vapor carrier to prevent moisture seepage.
- Rectory must come down first, but first must handle asbestos situation.
- Chapel Committee needs to meet and make decisions, - i.e. contact house movers about feasibility of moving the rectory, then perhaps put an ad for free house, moving at cost of recipient as well as all permits, etc. Rectory must be moved by a reputable company to diminish liabilities.

GOLF COURSE

- Still waiting on Golf Course. A decision will be made with the Baptist church as their deadline is December 21st. Then we shall hear what goes on.
- The other church has about 80% approval they have a contract.
- Lawyers from Diocese and other church are looking into possibilities.

BY-LAWS

- We have By-laws and the first part really describes the role of the Parish Council, but we do not follow all the Articles.
- Father believes we are a forum and that is the format we will follow.
- We need to find a better way to advertise that the Parish Council Meeting is open to one and all. Since this church has gotten so big, it is hard to hold elections and

vote for who we would like in the council. It is best that those interested in the better future of the parish just come to the meetings and express their interest.

ORGANIZATION'S & OTHER REPORTS:

- Knights of Columbus – Sat December 15th their Christmas Party will be held at Jorge's after the 6:00pm mass.
 - o February 16th – there will be a dinner/dance and Andy Allen will DJ the event. More information will follow.
- CDA – December 19th is their Christmas party. They will also be serving dinner at the Dinner Theatre on Friday, December 7th.
- Altar Society - will be having their Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th at the home of Nancy Klein
- Angel Tree – in lieu of Angel Tree this year, St. Stephen Church will be helping the children and family of those who have been incarcerated.
- Parish pantry – 27 families were helped with groceries for Thanksgiving
- Stewardship Sunday – We had great Hispanic representation. We are still trying to know what to do to get a better attendance from the Parish. What do we need to do different to increase participation
- Youth Group – will have their Christmas party on December 19th and will have a gift exchange
- December 12th – Las mañanitas start at 5:00am with a mariachi appearance at 5:30am and Mass at 6:00am followed by a gathering in the Hall.
- Las Posadas – will take place from December 16th -23rd from 6:00-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are welcome.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: February 5th, 2008

**Merry Christmas,
Feliz Navidad, Feliz Año Nuevo &
Happy New Year!**