

St Clement Parish Council Meeting
January 14, 2008
Minutes

Present: Fr. Ken Simpson, Kim Dahlborn, Ann Domenella, J.P. Gallagher, Mary Jo Huck, John Huston, Julie Lepri, Kathy Moore, Peggy Myles, Larry Woznicki

Opening Prayer and Discussion: Julie Lepri

Pastor's Report

- Fr. Simpson reported that all the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses were full. There were approximately 1100 people at the two 4:00 masses. The Sunday masses yesterday (Jan. 13) were also standing room only.
- The Cardinal's Appeal letter has been mailed out. Fr. Simpson attended a meeting regarding the Cardinal's Appeal. St. Clement parish consistently exceeds its goal.
- Fr. Simpson attended new Pastor information classes on finances and Best Practices.
- A Confirmation preparation program is planned for both the Religious Ed and St. Clement School children.

Anchor Ball: A motion was made, approved and seconded to pay for a Parish Council page in the Ad Book. Kim will arrange a time to have our photo taken before the deadline.

Stewardship: A Prayer Day is planned for February 16 as part of our Lenten observance. "Time, Treasure, Talent" includes time for God, time for prayer.

Finance: (Larry Woznicki) The Committee members are reviewing the budget individually. They will then meet and prepare the final budget next week.

School –Admissions: (Julie Lepri)

Julie Lepri and Peggy Myles met with Debbie Zachara (school Business Manager) to go over the data relating to applications and acceptances of parishioners and non-parishioners into St. Clement School. The data shows that there are parish families whose children are not getting into the school. What should the Parish Council's role be? It was suggested that, for now, we can try to help communicate with people we may meet who are concerned about the issue. We can help quell rumors and distortions as this difficult issue is addressed. Fr. Simpson commented on the problem of space generally: meeting space, office space for staff, as well as lack of space for new classrooms. We discussed the necessity for long-range planning and creative solutions to address these issues.

Strategic Plan: (Ann Domenella) Ann reviewed where we are in our strategic planning process. We have asked and answered the questions "Who are we?" and "How do we minister?" Now we need to address the questions "What is the relationship between the school and the parish?" and "Is it a right or a privilege to educate your child here?"

How do we accomplish our mission over the next 2 -20 years?

Julie then reviewed the summary of the All-Commission meeting held on November 12. (attached)