

**St. Clement Parish Council Meeting**  
**April 14, 2008**  
**Minutes**

Present: Jim Sharp, Julie Lepri, Mary Jane Theis, Kathy Moore, Ann Domenella, David Hoese, J.P. Gallagher, John Huston, Fr. Ramil, and Fr. Simpson

Pastor's Report

- Fr. Simpson reported that about 300 people have signed up for the April 26 Service Day.
- Kenna Brewer is leaving her job as Religious Ed. Coordinator
- Ann Rog will be staying on as School Principal.
- Fr. Simpson reported on his meeting with Mayor Daley. They discussed the importance of St. Clement School being able to meet the needs of our parishoners' children in the future. The Mayor was very interested and concerned. Fr. Simpson felt that it was a productive meeting.
- Fr. Simpson met with Ann Domenella and Viva Bartkus to discuss the next step forward based on the Strategic Plan. He sees three questions that need to be considered: What is the character of St Clement? What is our mission? What is the organizing principle? He sees Stewardship as the organizing principle that seems to be emerging.

Religious Ed.

David Hoese reported that Kenna Brewer will be leaving St. Clement and a new Director will have to be hired.

Stewardship

(Jim Lentz was not present)

- Fr. Simpson would like the Stewardship Committee to poll parishioners to find out how often they think they are asked for money.
- The Staff will also be reviewing the Strategic Plan.
- Two areas that seem to need clarification: *Fundraising*- How is it related to Stewardship? *Lay leadership*: Parishoners have many gifts that are not currently being tapped. Fr. Simpson gave a few examples. We need an active Real Estate Committee as we look to the future. We need a much better database with more detailed information and better connectivity.

Anchor Ball

The final figures are not in yet, but the auction raised approximately \$212,000. The Paddle Raise brought in \$140,000.

Finance

(Mary Jane Theis read the report submitted by Larry Woznicki)

The Finance Committee is reviewing and examining their by-laws.

## School

Julie Lepri reported that the School Improvement process has been completed. Some security issues were resolved. The Letter Fund-raising campaign has received \$120,000 to date, a 50% rate of participation. Fr. Simpson added that parents are discussing and examining the different roles of the School Council and the Parent Organization.

## Nominating Committee

- Mary Jane Theis reviewed the by-laws concerning the schedule and responsibilities of the Nominating Committee.
- The Committee members are Fr. Simpson, Ann Domenella, David Hoese, Larry Woznicki and Mary Jane.
- She has received inquiries from six interested individuals.
- The “young twenties” group needs to be better represented on the Parish Council.
- Mary Jo Huck, Larry Woznicki and Mary Jane Theis are going off the Council.
- The Committee will present a slate of candidates at the May meeting. The nominees will be confirmed by consensus, or a vote if consensus is not achieved.