

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO  
PARISH COUNCIL

DATE: February 5, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Parish Community Center  
10110 North De Anza Blvd.  
Cupertino, California 95014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Wang            Larry Harrison  
Mike Shovlin            Linda Buhay  
Dick Sherman            Pat Schaaf  
Herb Duvernay

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Hoffman (Communications Committee)  
Bill Osborne\*, Manny Wright\*, Vincent Isip\*,  
Cecil Dobbs\*, John Nguyen\*, Iva Galesic\*  
(\*Council Candidates)  
Father Chady

MEMBER(S) ABSENT    None

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The regular meeting of the St. Joseph of Cupertino (SJC) Parish Council was held at the above date, time and place. The meeting called to order by Dick Sherman.

**1. Agenda**

The Chair provided an agenda for the meeting. The agenda included: Opening Prayer and Reading, Minutes, and Public Comment.

**2. Minutes**

The chair reviewed the minutes of the last meeting with the committee and upon hearing no objections accepted the minutes.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Communications Committee (CC)**

Mike Hoffman presented a report update on the activities of the Communications Committee (attached). Mike also presented an update on the Parish Pay project which is now named Planned Parish Giving (attached).

### **5. The Welcoming Committee**

Pat Schaaf provided reports of the Welcoming Committee and Year of St. Paul (attached).

### **6. New Business**

A presentation was made by Olin Mills concerning their proposal to publish our parish directory. The Olin Mills program provides a wide range of directory format and information to include with each picture entry. It was noted extra pages could be included free, the number depending on the volume of parishioners that participated and could also be purchased. Extra pages could be used for additional parish life content or for ads.

Dick Sherman proposed that any of the above candidates for the council would be seated if they wished. Bill Osborne, Manny Wright, Vincent Isip and Cecil Dobbs indicated their wish to be on the council. Pat Schaaf and Angela Wang will be leaving the council and were thanked for their service.

The officers for 2009 will be as follows:  
Dick Sherman -- to Continue as Chairman  
Vincent Isip -- Vice Chairman  
Mike Shovlin – Secretary

### **7. Additional Comments**

Father Chady indicated that he is working to form a Social Justice Group to address help required for those in need. This would include, for example, health care and refugee support.

### **8. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 5, 2009. Herb Duvernay volunteered to lead the prayer at the beginning of this meeting.

### **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.

Larry Harrison, Council Secretary

## **St Joseph of Cupertino Parish Communications Committee**

### **Report to Parish Advisory Council, 5<sup>th</sup>, February, 2009**

1. Web site status
  - a. Unique visitors and number of visits are increasing about 10% per year
  - b. Pages viewed is growing by about 3% per year
  - c. There is a need to further enhance website content
2. Newsletter
  - a. Article topics are: bereavement ministry, Automated Giving (parish pay), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (second in a series), Lent, thanksgiving baskets, Simabag Gabi, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Description of the church-Nave (first in a series), calendar of event, puzzle (solution on the SJC website)
3. There is a link on the SJC home page that takes one directly to the Parish Pay page for St Joseph
4. Currently plan to complete the Communications Committee Welcome brochure in time for the next Ministry Fair.
5. Communications Committee members are available to help any other committee in preparing flyers, bulletin inserts, etc. (e. g. Parish Council "Help Wanted")
6. Parish Council members are encouraged to make suggestions regarding website improvement and content, topics for flyer articles

## St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish Parish Pay Project

### **Report to Parish Advisory Council, 5<sup>th</sup>, February, 2009**

1. To avoid interference with the ADA, the project will kick off after April 12<sup>th</sup> (Easter) and end by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. The team will begin recruiting before April 12<sup>th</sup>. Recruiting efforts may include Mass announcements and team members outside church after Masses.
3. We have renamed ourselves, we are now the Planned Parish Giving team. This scope includes encouraging parishioners to think of their giving in terms of both their resources and the needs of the parish. We have adopted 1% as a minimum targeted giving level.
4. People who sign up for Parish Pay continue to receive donation envelopes and have to call Monica if they want the envelopes stopped. This procedure is not well understood by parishioners; there may be room for improvement here.
5. The team is currently meeting every two weeks; there may be additional phone conferences using skype.
6. Items currently being worked on include:
  - a. Bulletin insert announcing the project
  - b. Revised giving paragraph for the bulletin
  - c. Project scope and objectives
  - d. Revised enrolment form
  - e. Notes for announcement from the pulpit when the project is kicked off
  - f. Frequently asked questions with answers
  - g. A planned giving tool which will help parishioners evaluate different giving scenarios
  - h. Planned Parish Giving page(s) to be added to the SJC website when the project starts

To: Parish Council Committee  
From: Pat Schaaf, Chair

- Welcome Mass, Blessing and Reception - Sunday, February 1, 2009
  - November – February – 18 new parishioner/families
  - Five families attended.
  
- Thank you to the Parish Council Members who attended the Mass and Reception. Also thank you to Margarita Hua, Carol Ruiz, and all those who helped with the reception.
  
- Next Welcome Mass, Blessing and Reception – May 3, 2009

**Year of St. Paul – June 28, 2008 until June 29, 2009**

❖ Sunday, January 25, 2009 – Conversion of St. Paul

- ✓ Jim Schaaf showed movie from the SJC Video Library: “Paul, Contending for the Faith,” by Steve Ray in Parish Community Center at 3:00 p.m. Janice arranged for refreshments. People seemed to enjoy the afternoon.
- ✓ Fr. Gregg set up the Icon of St Paul in the chancel near the altar.
- ✓ Jim Schaaf took several pictures of the Icon and planes to write an article with pictures of Icon for the *Valley Catholic*.