

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
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DATE: August 7, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Sherman Bill Osborne
Larry Harrison Cecil Dobbs
Linda Buhay Manny Wright
Mike Shovlin

Ex Officio: Father Greg Kimm

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Hoffman (Communications Committee)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Herb Duvernay Vincent Isip

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, Chair.

1. Agenda

Dick Sherman provided an agenda for the meeting. Bill Osborne led the prayer for the meeting. The council reviewed the changes to the minutes of the last meeting and voted to accept the minutes with minor revisions.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Functional Committees Updates Parish Involvement Planning Introduction

Communications Ministry: Mike Hoffman presented a report update on the activities of the Communications Ministry (attached).

Parish Involvement Planning: Mike pointed out that he believed that the Parish Strategic/Involvement Planning effort should be lead by the Parish Council. (See Item 6.)

4. Status of Parish Directory

Herb wasn't present at the meeting but as the activity will not require any significant work until fall, status on the project was deferred until the next meeting.

5. Welcoming Committee (Pat Schaaf, Chair)

Pat was unable to attend, however she notified Dick that the next Welcoming Mass would be held at 11:00 AM on August 23, followed by a reception in the Community Center to welcome and meet the new parishioners. She requested that all Council members attend.

6. Discussion of 2009 Plans and Other New Business

Cecil asked what would be involved in the Parish Planning effort and noted that Marieann Shovlin had made a presentation to the Council in February. Fr Greg suggested that he contact Marieann to provide insight in the planning effort. Cecil and Dick agreed to contact Marieann and discuss the planning effort with her before the next meeting.

Cecil has been studying the Parish Council charter and would like to make the Council more productive. He noted that our function is to investigate, consider, and recommend actions for the parish. Fr Greg said that the Council shouldn't consider accomplishment only from a product standpoint, because an important function is to represent the parishioners. One way of helping the parish is to provide education and leadership to help raise the awareness of the parishioners on both the needs and good things that the parish has to offer.

Cecil suggested that people might be more willing to give if their funds were going to a special project. Fr Greg said that we could give it a try as the furnace/air-conditioner in the upstairs area where Fr Chady and Fr Peter were sleeping had failed and needed to be replaced. There will be an announcement in the bulletin and we can see how people respond.

7. Pastor's Comments

Fr Greg provided Janice's comments as she was not able to attend. Janice said not forget the Welcome Mass on September 13th celebrating the Parish Feast Day which will be followed by an International Potluck. There will be a meeting on August 18 at 7:00 Pm for organization and planning. From past experience personal contact is far more effective than announcements.

Fr Greg said that the plans for the hall restrooms will be put out for bid. The additional men's bathroom and handicap ramp will be priced as options. This will provide a good way to keep cost under control.

Our new Deacon will host a study of the gospel of Mark on alternate Sundays from 7 to 8:30PM. The best part of having a new deacon is that we are getting an additional very experienced person to help the parish without a salary cost.

8. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 3, 2009. All parishioners are welcome;

Functional Committees' members in particular.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM. Linda will lead the prayer for the next meeting. Cake was served by Dick after the meeting.

Mike Shovlin, Council Secretary

Reports to Parish Advisory Council, 06 August 2009

Communications Ministry

By: Mike Hoffman

1) Web usage:

- a) Year over year usage is up 17-65%
- b) More people are visiting the site
- c) They are viewing more pages when they visit
- d) July usage pretty much the same as June (usage is way down during summer)
- e) Website usage will probably continue to grow, but growth rates will level off and growth will not be visible over short periods (1-6 months)

2) Web functionality - over the last few years, Ed Johnson has made a number of improvements to the SJC website.

- a) Adult Faith Formation page
- b) Photo gallery
- c) Frequently asked questions
- d) Link to organ donor site (suggested by Cecil Dobbs)
- e) Lector and Eucharistic Minister schedules
- f) Lector list with contact information
- g) Expanded "Links" section

3) Efforts to initiate a Parish Involvement Planning Project continue at a low level. Parish Council involvement in this effort is needed and strongly encouraged. Involvement in the planning process would be a good way to identify opportunities to make the Parish Council more effective.

4) September Flyer articles include:

- a) Profiles of long serving ushers (second in series)
- b) Profile of new deacon (Ron Hansen)
- c) Mom's Group
- d) Children's play group
- e) Church Nave (one of a series by Jim Schaaf)

5) The sitting Chairman (Mike Hoffman), Vice Chair Creative (Lorinda Rodriguez) and Vice Chair Content (Ed Johnson) were reelected at the June meeting. The secretary, Steve Hill decided not to continue in that position and the responsibility for taking notes at meetings will be shared by all team members. Steve will continue as newsletter editor.

As of 3/31/2009, there were 46 active Parish Pay subscribers. Per the August, 2009 report from Parish Pay, there are now 85 subscribers.