

ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
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DATE: September 3, 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
Herb Duvernay Manny Wright
Mike Shovlin Vincent Isip

Ex Officio: Father Greg Kimm

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Hoffman (Communications Committee)
Pat Schaaf (Welcoming Committee)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Buhay

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. Father Greg 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).

4. Status of Parish Directory

Herb reported on the progress of the directory project. During October he will provide a time line schedule or time tree for the program. He expected to get information from Life Touch by the first week of October. Fr Greg noted that he had received a letter from Life Touch which said that they would be sending the information shortly. The photos will be taken in November and rooms have been booked.

Herb said that when he gets the information he will form a committee to work on the directory and provide the additional support required. He will also present format and other details that need to be decided. The data base for the directory will be a problem as the transfer from the old data base to the new Parishsoft data base is not going smoothly in addition, there are also confidentiality issues(addresses and phone numbers). So the problem of developing data to enter into the directory will need to be considered and addressed. Cecil asked if using the directory as a fund raiser was off the table; Fr Greg said that it was.

5. Welcoming Committee (Pat Schaaf, Chair)

Pat presented an update on the activities of the welcoming committee (attached). She stated that the reception was outstanding because there was significantly more emphasis on interaction between attendees then on the food. She thanked the Parish Council members who attended the reception. Vincent asked how you could identify the new people. Pat said that they were given special badges with a red border and angels.

Fr Greg said that he felt this type of effort is very important even if the attendance is low, because each new family is invited to celebrate joining St Joseph's and it makes people feel good about being part of our parish. He said that many parishes do not have a welcoming program and it's very good that we do.

6. Poor Box in the Church

Pat suggested that a poor box be installed in the church. She noted that she has found money left by people at various places in the church. Fr Greg said that the money appeared to be left by a single individual who has been observed doing a number strange, but benign things around the church and doesn't appear to attend mass. He noted that we prefer to have the church open for people to visit and pray in during the day. A poor box which might have money in it creates an invitation to break into it and adds liability to the church.

7. Parish Involvement Planning

Cecil and Dick met with Marieann Shovlin to discuss the Parish Planning activity. Cecil asked Fr Greg if during Marieann's briefing to the Parish Staff he had approved the plan. Fr Greg said yes he had, he thought that it was a great idea however it needs to be put into action. There is a question on how much the parish will participate and the parish staff is over extended and over worked and can't take on any additional tasks. He noted that he had suggested the planning process be done one step at a time and progress be continuously evaluated. Dick

mentioned that this was essentially what Marieann had sent them in her e-mail. Mike Hoffman said that they had decided to call it the "Parish Involvement Plan" because the people seemed to relate better to that name than Parish Strategic Plan.

Cecil talked about the St Simon's Pastoral Plan and the Bishop's Pastoral Plan and wondered how our plan would dovetail with the Bishop's Plan. He asked if the Parish Council could do their own plan. Fr Greg said of course the parish council could set its own agenda and develop a planning exercise as the ultimate goal is to develop a strategic plan that the parishioners have participated in and implement. However how would that differ from the work that had already been done by Marieann and Mike Hoffman which is very complex and detailed? Cecil wondered why we couldn't just use the St Simon plan. Fr Greg said that we had to use a St Joseph Plan since we aren't St Simon's and we have different needs and resources.

Mike Hoffman will report on progress at the next council meeting.

8. Discussion of New Business

New business was deferred to the next meeting.

9. Pastor's Comments

Fr Greg said to remember that the feast day celebration was Sunday September 13 and everyone should attend. He also noted that 2nd and 4th Sundays will have bible studies on the gospel of St Mark presented by our deacon and these should be very good.

10. Next Meeting and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 1, 2009. All parishioners are welcome; Functional Committees' members in particular.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 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, 03 September 2009

Communications Ministry

By: Mike Hoffman, Chair

1. Web usage has continues to increase year over year and increased in August 2009 versus July 2009.
2. 3Q 2009 flyer will be printed on September 7.
3. Up to date minutes available for Communications, Liturgy, Parish Council on SJC website.

Welcoming Committee

By: Pat Schaaf, Chair

~ Welcome Mass, Blessing and Reception - Sunday, August 23, 2009

- May - August: 19 new parishioner/families

- Three families attended.

~ Special thank you to:

- Parish Council Members: Manny, Linda, Cecil and Vincent
- Janice, Totsie, Mabel and the Social Committee for the refreshments
- and to Lizy Anthony and Anh Hoang

~ Next Welcome Mass, Blessing and Reception - November 1, 2009