

**St. Augustin Parish**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010

**Present:** Joe Kobes, Todd Erzen, Sandra Mosley, Fr. Emmanuel, Emily Duong, Milton Anania, , Joe Dullard, Rob Den Hartog, Fr. Jim, and Sherill Whisenand.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Emily Duong. Opening Prayer was read in unison

**February Meeting Minutes**

February minutes were reviewed. Sandra Mosley moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Joe Kobes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board of Education**

No representation from the Board of Education

**Pastoral Plan issues and comments**

Emily Duong suggested that Pastoral Plan issues be discussed at the April Parish Council meeting due to the full agenda for the March meeting. Evolution of the Pastoral Plan will be discussed in April as well.

**New Business**

1. Lenten Appeal Fundraiser Statistics:

- \$57,337 collected in first two weeks of the appeal, \$4,117 in pledges are still outstanding.
- \$40,120 (70%) came from people on our prepared call list
- 87 people (total) gave the first week and 76 people(total) gave the second week.
- 7 people who gave the first week also gave the second week.
- Those who gave loose cash are not tallied in the people count but that money is included in the monetary totals.

Father Jim will send out thank you letters for donations already made. Volunteers will reconvene after spring break and follow up on messages left during the first phone-a thon. Second collections for Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities will be made in the next couple of weeks, so the Lenten Appeal will not have more than two collections dedicated to it.

2. Resolutions to address Parish budget issues:

- The Parish Council voted to insist on a deficit neutral budget, starting this year, as per the Pastoral Plan action item #5.3, adopted in August 2009. Rob Den Hartog moved, Sherill Whisenand seconded, motion carried.
- The Parish should not commit to a school subsidy more than the forecasted church surplus. Rob Den Hartog moved, Joe Dullard seconded, motion carried.
- The Parish Council realizes that the approved resolutions may not resolve a possible shortfall in the school's budget and acknowledge that it will take a joint effort by all councils to assist the school in meeting its projected expenses. Joe Kobes moved, Rob Den Hartog seconded, motioned carried, (one opposed).

It is the position of the Parish Council that we do all in our capacity to insist on fiscally responsible Parish behavior. At the same time, we recognize that there are needs that have not been met and we want to assist in anyway we can within our Parish Council guidelines to achieve a deficit-neutral budget. It is imperative that all ministries unite and work on addressing budget issues together to make this parish a strong and vibrant community that attracts new and sustaining membership.

### 3. Parish Hall space usage:

There have been many issues regarding the unscheduled usage of different spaces in the parish hall area now that "On a Journey Together" has started for its second season. Joe Kobes and Milt Anania agreed to study how the spaces are scheduled, which spaces are being over utilized, and which spaces have more usage potential. Sandra Mosley suggested posting weekly schedules at each door or space so that there is less confusion as to what group is supposed to be where.

### Old Business

#### Tithing Committee:

- Will meet after Easter (and the Lenten Appeal) to start formulating the committee structure and mechanics.
- The intention is to make this committee more about stewardship and not just about money. Strengthening the Parish's social culture could inspire more parish and civic involvement.

### Parish Council Reports

**St. Augustin Foundation:** No report

**Finance Council:** No report

**Parish Life:** No report

**Liturgy:** Liturgy committee meets Thursday March 11 at 7pm

**Education:** No report

**Communications:** No report

**Building and Grounds:** Andy Ball, Joe Kobes, Rev. Mr. Kevin Heim, Kirk Peterson and Emily Duong met to review proposals from three fire protection companies to update the fire protection system at the church. All references were called and asked to rate the same questions so that an equal comparison could be made. Protex received as high or higher ratings in customer satisfaction, scheduling, job site cleanliness, and bid accuracy, as well as offering the best price. Andy Ball was asked to contact Protex and get more specific scope of work information so that we can make a final decision.

### Adjournment

Joe Kobes moved to adjourn at 9:30pm, seconded by Sherill Whisenand, motion carried

**Closing Prayer** was read in unison

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 13, 2010 @ 7pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Duong, Parish Council Chair