

Saint Joseph Parish Council

September 13th, 2010
St Joseph Social Center 6:00 PM

I. Opening Prayer: Padre Jose

II. Members Present: Carlo Ardito, Adalia (Dilly) Ardito, Fr. Jose Barrera, Matt Bedel, Sr Joseph Cecile, Joe Garcia, Verona Gilliland, Diana Hanebrink, Juanita Horrocks, Mike Martinez, Loie Rock, Deacon Honorio Moreno, Patricia Siliezar, Tami Snyder, Fr. Ken Vialpando, Kathryn Young, Sr Mary Zenzen.

III. Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Team

Fr. Ken reported that the Parish Staff is a very strong team and functioning very well. He welcomed Fr. Jose Barrera and Deacon Honorio Moreno and thanked them for the work they are doing.

Vocations Committee

Fr. Ken reported that there is a Diocesan direction to form a Vocation Committee. This is to be done by each Parish and be there with Right To Life, Adoration and Vocations. Volunteers were requested and asked to think about it. No volunteers were identified at the meeting.

Right To Life Committee

Matt Bedel reported that he is the Right To Life Chairman for the KoC 777. He attended the Mrs. Susan Will Esq. presentation at St James on 9/10/2010. Setting up a direction for the Parish and the KOC is his main objective. He mentioned that there are many different aspects to the Right To Life not only abortion. There are some materials in both Spanish and English. We all need to be respectful and educated, based on the Gospel there is no need to throw stones or be condescending toward victims of any aspect of Right To Life.

Catholic Foundation

Verona reported that there is a Diocesan effort underway to approach parishioners on considering bequeathing to the Church. Even after passing, it is possible to provide to the Church. The Bishop is presenting on 9/29 to selected parishioners at the Bishops house. Invitees need to RSVP.

Stewards/Stewardship

A healthy discussion on what is Stewards and Stewardship. A letter was sent to all Parishioners explaining a big part of it. Discussions did not only include the Financial, Time and Talents aspects but also includes Spiritual Life. We all need to be wise and be care takers of the Church. We have a very fragile sensitive historic facility, i.e. "Our Church", and we need to take care of it out of Spiritual Respect. We are all empowered. It is not Spiritual Respectful to chew gum, have food, disruptive behavior, etc. in Church or within the Churches properties. Parishioner's appearance needs to be in perspective of the respect for our Lord Jesus Christ. It is all our responsibility to walk the talk and educate as necessary. If anyone is or gets offended, Fr. Ken is open to and would like to discuss this with the persons. Fr Ken will investigate ways of getting the message out to the people, i.e. The Ten Parish commandments, bulletin, and pulpit.

Vendors (Revisited)

Juanita volunteered (assigned) to start the investigation related to the City Policies are. The St Joseph can identify the policies necessary to implement. Vendors should donate 75% to St Joseph.

Outside Vendors (notes from past meeting):

The Hispanic community uses the outside Church property to congregate and build community relations. Many outside vendors appear to take advantage of this for personal gain. Fr Ken would like to re-visit this with respect to ensuring the legal aspect, Church property, support of the Church and not disrupt any current positive effects. Fr Ken would like to put together a committee to address this and put together a Parish Outline / Policy. It was recommended that Fr Ken select a cross section of the different communities.

Parish Picnic

This was a success with over 250 people present.

Fun Festival

The Fun Festival was a success with much of the food, and drinks running out prior to the final hour. The tally is still not complete at the time of the meeting.

September 16th (Independence)

September 16th is a Mexican Holiday and a celebration is scheduled for Sunday the 19th by the Hispanic community.

AIL Insurance

A representative from AIL Insurance asked to present to the Parish. It was very clear there is no protocol for this type of action and the KOC have the preferred Insurance for the Parish. There is the ability to advertise on the back of the bulletin as other Insurance Companies do.

IV. Pastoral Associate:

Fr Jose reported that he is very happy to be here at St Joseph Parish. St Joseph is a very large Parish and there is a lot of work to be done. He has noticed the Spanish Masses are very committed to the Parish and very Faithful. He has recently completed a retreat with 200 kids.

V. Deacons Report:

Deacon Honorio reported that he is very happy to be here and that everyone has been very helpful. He is getting more and more involved and could always use more help. The Hispanic community is very happy to have Fr. Jose. The Hispanic community is having retreats for trainers. Deacon Honorio indicated he would like to work with the English community as well.

VI. Religious Community:

Sr. Mary reported the Foundation will be holding a Dutch oven fund raiser and are hoping for a good turnout. It is scheduled for September 22nd, Wednesday evening from 5 – 8 PM.

Sr. Joseph reported she will be training new Lectors and Eucharist Ministers.

Update on St Anne's

St Anne's - Only Homeless Shelter in the area

Always needs paper products, currently there is a need for diapers size 3, 4

Ogden City donated land at 33rd and Pacific

\$1.5 donated by the LDS Church

Need ~\$6 Million to double the capacity

New facility is looking at 3 buildings

1 – Shelter with dorms, 2 – Soup Kitchen (150 meals every day), 3 – Storage Facility
Facility is no longer a Transient type for people but for families, women, children due to the economy. Another type is the working poor that at minimum wage work at the dog food factory.

There are case management workers assisting as necessary. St Anne's has been struggling to make payroll from week to week.

VII. Financial Report:

DDD:

St Joseph is again starting behind with a lot to catch up on. The Parish is accountable for ~\$52K of which ~\$33K is still owed and St Joseph will have to pay.

Intermountain Catholic:

Parishioners should register for the Intermountain Catholic for continued up to date information from the Diocesan as well as the World Catholic information. When Parishioners do not register the Parish pays \$15 per year for 1000 subscriptions (\$15,000.00).

VIII. Religious Education:

Patricia reported there are about 50 baptisms per month and about 60 Quinceaneras scheduled.

Fr. Ken provided an update that there are about 500 registered for Religious Education.

IX. RCIA:

RCIA is still going strong with regular dismissals and education sessions. We are continuing the second year for the current catechumens and starting with the new inquirers.

X. CCW:

New officers have been elected and posted in the Bulletin.

XI. Knights:

Joe Garcia reported that the Knights will be working on a recruiting program so we will see some membership drives in the near future.

XII. Website:

Joe Garcia reported it is up and running and if anyone has content they would like posted to please provide it. He will take a look at the Parish Calendar and get it updated; it may be out of date. He will link the KOC website to the Parish Web Site. He will also check to see if he has posted the current parish council roster, minutes, etc.

XIII. Officers / Elections:

President – Carlo Ardito

Vice President – Joe Garcia

Secretary – Joan Opheikens

XIV. Next Meeting:

Oct 11th 6:00 PM St. Patrick's Center

XV. Closing Prayer: Carlo Ardito