

St. Teresa Parish Council Meeting

December 12, 2011

Minutes

- I. **Opening Prayer** – Father Frank.
- II. **Changing of the Guard** – Dave Wisneski appointed as new Parish Council Chairman. He replaces Dave Hilko, who has fulfilled his tenure in this position.
- III. **Social Media** –A Twitter account has been created (@StTsChicago) for the parish to follow. Moving forward, a pastoral staff listserv will be created when discussing important topics. The listserv will include the heads of select departments/committees of the parish.
- IV. **Building Communication & Restructuring** – Father Frank stated that we take a brief hiatus from the reconfiguration topic. Everyone recognized the positive energy that does exist within the parish and the need for improved communication moving into the New Year. It was proposed that Dave Wisneski will read a prepared statement at each mass or designate an individual to read the statement in his place.
- V. **Welcoming Committee** – The Welcoming Committee is alive and well. Dean has a list of our inaugural eight new parishioners which will be "welcomed" by a committee member. Moving forward, new parishioners will be met by a committee member, an informational packet will be provided along with a follow up call after a month. Possible 'Greeters' at the beginning of Sunday Mass also proposed.
- VI. **Parish Council** – Replacement for outgoing members. Two or three current Parish Council members are leaving after years of service; Farther Frank would like to have four or five new members added to fill the vacancies.
- VII. **Evangelization** – *Reclaim The Fire* was distributed by Father Frank. Half of the parishioners are not within the Lincoln Park area; what events and activities can we do to increase our presence in the community? (Signage, Shirts, Coffee Events, Outdoor Mass, Fair Trade Craft Show, etc.) Ask parishioners what suggestions they may have in an effort to increase the overall experience at St. Teresa's. 'Young Mothers' club was mentioned.
- VIII. **TOYL 2012** – New co-chairs announced and possible new venue for November 16, 2012 event.
- IX. **Sabbatical** – Father Frank asked for suggestions on how to tie evangelization and technology into his journey. Possible fundraising campaign for Camino de Compostela and possibly Avila.
- X. **Next Parish Council Meeting** – January 9th, 2012.