

St. Teresa Parish Council and Finance Committee Meeting

February 13, 2012

Minutes

- I. **Opening Prayer** – Father Frank
- II. **Introductions** – All
- III. **Buildings and Offices** – Father Frank spoke of the decommissioning of Avila Place and the dire need to relocate the parish offices. He stated that the parish is entering into a new and positive time and that all should be excited for the future of our parish. Father continued, saying the Archdiocese inspected the two buildings; declaring one unusable and the other ‘limping along’. As such, the fate of the buildings will be determined by the formation of a new Building/Facilities Committee in concert with the voices of our parishioners. It was agreed upon that the few offices (Business Manager, Religious Education, etc.) should be moved temporarily into east section of the ‘Parish Hall’, walled off by dividers; a door will also be installed on the southern wall to create a corridor to the other buildings. The goal is to have this completed before Labor Day.
- IV. **Upgrades** - Kate Lynch discussed the state of her designated area; upgrading her meeting area with new furniture, a new television and perhaps new flooring was proposed. The ‘New Moms’ and various children’s group gather in this area.
- V. **Food Pantry** – Father would like to have the poor enter through and gather within the church when awaiting food. This is to make them feel welcome and show them the spirit of Christ that exists at all time in church.
- VI. **Capital Campaign** - It was determined that it would cost roughly \$250,000 to fix the rectory. Father would like to begin the capital campaign in the near future to put towards the multiple phases once the building committee comes up with said phases.
- VII. **Ash Wednesday** – Tom mentioned that the vests have arrived and are ready for Ash Wednesday. It was decided to focus only on the Armitage El stop rather than Fullerton and/or Belmont. Volunteers will meet in the ‘Gathering’ area to pick up the ashes and vests. Mark has created a number of signs to display in window fronts of surrounding businesses. Tom and Bert have reached out to a few media outlets with no traction thus far.
- VIII. **Soup Night** – Tuesday Nights during Lent while Father Barron’s video will be shown.
- IX. **Parish Council** – Father wants suggestions for new people to join the Parish Council - twelve total.
- X. **Next Meeting** – March 12th at 7:00pm.