

St. Teresa Parish Council Meeting

March 12, 2012

Minutes

- I. **Ash Wednesday Recap** – St. Teresa’s *Ashes on Armitage* was discussed and called a successful event; it was mentioned that *Ashes on Armitage* should become a yearly event moving forward.
- II. **Twitter Evangelization** – Jessica will soon begin tweeting parish updates, information on future events and possibly even prayers throughout Holy Week.
- III. **Holy Week & Easter** – Father Frank has asked that volunteers venture into the surrounding neighborhood and place printed cards, with holy images on the front and mass schedules on the back, in window fronts, on cars, and handing them to pedestrians in an effort to raise awareness for Holy Week and Easter masses. Father has asked that this mirror our *Ashes on Armitage* event. These cards will be distributed a week before Holy Week.
- IV. **Butcher and the Burger** – Butcher and the Burger approached Father Frank and the parish with the intentions of partnering for an event in the summer. It was discussed this might be held in the parking lot during the Sheffield Garden Walk.
- V. **Building Committee** – The first Building Committee, comprised of twelve individuals, will meet on April 24th. Members are being notified via a letter from Father Frank.
- VI. **Office Relocation** – The parish offices are being relocated to the meeting room shortly after Cuisine de Cour. Tom Minciski mentioned that electrical power is being installed, along with doors equipped with locks, in the near future.
- VII. **Pledge Drive** – Father Frank announced a pledge drive to amass funds to put towards finishing the rectory for the amount of \$250,000. Necessary projects include asbestos abatement, a new boiler and tuck-pointing. Father will ask that all parishioners assist. This will begin in June.
- VIII. **Donations** – Father would like to implement iPad’s to assist in the collection process; he intends that the 9:00am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm masses will benefit by as much as several hundred dollars per week. This will allow for younger people to donate with a credit card.
- IX. **Support Haiti** – Father would like to donate roughly \$10,000 to Haiti and our mission to send other St. Teresa parishioners in future missions. He currently has raised \$5,000.
- X. **Ministry Fair** – Slated for September 24th, Ministry Fair will be held to showcase the various opportunities for parishioners to become involved and learn about various programs offered.
- XI. **RCYA Softball** – Ravenswood Catholic Young Adult Softball league. Registration begins on May 21st with teams posted on April 16th. See the bulletin for details.
- XII. **Welcome Committee** – The Welcoming Committee has reached out to many new parishioners, on multiple occasions, to no avail. Packets are now being sent to new parishioner’s residence rather than being left in the rectory. Father would like to have new parishioners meet with existing parishioners or Father Frank to complete the process.
- XIII. **Parish Council** – Names were discussed for additional Parish Council members.
- XIV. **Next Meeting** – April 23rd 7:00pm