

St. Teresa Parish Council Meeting

April 23, 2012

Minutes

- I. **Summer Event** – Mark Matjeka discussed the proposed summer event which is to take place during the Sheffield Garden Walk and held in the parking lot. Butcher and The Burger has displayed interest in possibly becoming a partner. A number of logistical items were discussed in conjunction with this event namely a tent, food, alcohol.
- II. **Parish Office Move** – The Parish offices have been moved to the eastern wall of the meeting room. Amenities such as electrical outlets, locking doors, tables, cabinets, cubicles/wall dividers and a doorway into the religious education building were mentioned. Tom Micinski also mentioned that buzzers on the door will be introduced roughly on June 1st.
- III. **Restoring Our Heritage** – Father Frank introduced a capital campaign titled ‘*Restoring Our Heritage*’ to improve the Rectory as it is the last standing original building of the parish. The total for the campaign will be an estimated \$250,000 in order to update such items as the air-conditioning, windows, boiler and other various items. Roughly 300 families, of the 900 registered at St. Teresa’s, are active and provide regular donations. Letters from the parish have been sent out with an introduction.
- IV. **Evangelization** – Eric and Kate distributed prayer cards and handed out colorful eggs to pedestrians in the local area in preparation for Holy Week.
- V. **Sabbatical** – Father Frank discussed his upcoming sabbatical and listed a number of priests who will be assisting the parish in his absences. During his 500 mile journey across Spain, Father Frank hopes to raise roughly \$25,000 for Haiti.
- VI. **Haiti** – Twelve people attended the most recent meeting regarding the parish’s desire to aid the efforts in Haiti. A few people are interested in the next journey to help rebuild a church which was leveled by the earthquake. Father would like to have a few parishioners travel there just before Christmas as well.
- VII. **Deacon Hector** – Deacon Hector will be leaving St. Teresa’s after sixteen years of service, culminating on July 1st, 2012. That weekend we will be honoring him for his commitment to the parish and the community. His departure also results in the end of the Spanish speaking mass at 1030am. He will be moving to Florida.
- VIII. **Twitter** – Jessica and Erica have created a Twitter schedule for the coming months. Each tweet will have a reading or Gospel message for the week ahead.
- IX. **End of the Year Party** – Father Frank brought up the ‘End of the Year Party’ for the Parish Council. A date has yet to be determined.
- X. **Tsu Casa** – Jon Assell mentioned an interesting volunteer program titled Tsu Casa, which will take place this coming fall for families who are currently enduring hardships. Jon questioned whether this even be labeled a “Social Justice” event.

- XI. **Workshops** – Father Frank introduced the idea of having three or four workshops scattered throughout the year for the parish on various topics of importance. Those mentioned were Healthcare, Wellness, Employment, Finance and Housing Options.
- XII. **Next Meeting** – May 14th, 2012 at 7:00pm.