

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 04/24/12

Members Present: Father Troy, Rich Pierson, Heidi Vittetoe, Genoveva Diaz, Thomas Johnson, Phyllis Hofer.
Guest: Sylvia Cuevas

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Hofer at 7:00 pm. Father Troy led the council in prayer.

No corrections or additions to the minutes for the February 28 meeting—approved as written.

Church Life: Easter vigil reception was well attended.

Faith Formation: Genoveva reported there will be a meeting on May 1 regarding Vacation Bible School. First Communion will be this coming weekend at the 10:30 and 12:30 Masses. Fr. Troy reported that one applicant for the Faith Formation Director position will be interviewed this coming Thursday.

Family Life. No report.

Liturgy and Worship: No report.

Maintenance: Sound proofing of gym should be completed within the next month.

Social Action: Phyllis Hofer reported that the Palm Sunday palm weaving demonstration by several Hispanic parishioners attracted quite a few people. St. James prepared the community "Sunday Kitchen" meal on April 21 at the United Presbyterian Church, and the next meal to be prepared by our church will be on June 16. St. James will be preparing and serving a meal every eight weeks.

Stewardship: Rich Pierson reported that the time and talent stewardship renewal will be held in September.

School Board: Fr. Troy reported that it appears overall enrollment for next year will increase, and numbers look good. The public school will be holding free full-time four-year-old pre-school next year which may mean smaller numbers for the St. James program.

Finance Council: Heidi Vittetoe reported that the budget for next year is being assembled. Salaries for the music ministry coordinator and Faith Formation Director are being studied. The debt for the capital campaign loan is coming close to being paid off.

Youth: Thomas Johnson reported that there will be a mission trip to Appalachia in July

Fr. Troy report: No report.

Old Business: Jesse Romero mission will be held May 11-12. Advertising is going out to all churches in the Deanery and other churches with large Hispanic populations. Will have an article in the Catholic Messenger and will try to advertise on the local radio station, and the Iowa City Catholic radio station. Biggest unknown is how many people will attend and how many to prepare for.

New business: Sylvia Cuevas reported on the Hispanic Committee of St. James Parish. The committee has been meeting monthly since October, 2011. The main objectives of the committee are 1) to construct a bridge with Hispanic parishioners through communication of events; 2) unify the Spanish and English cultures through shared tradition, celebrations, group activities and fundraising events; 3) plan and organize fundraising events; and 4) plan and organize Hispanic church celebrations throughout the year (Day of the Dead, Our Lady of Guadalupe; Posadas; Three Kings Day). At least one person from the committee will be attending parish council meetings.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Troy. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 22. Sonia volunteered to bring refreshments.

Recorded by: Phyllis Hofer for Sonia Leyva, Secretary
Pending Approval at May 22 meeting.

CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Father Troy Richmond (Priest)

Vacancy (Maintenance)

Heidi Vittetoe (Lay Director)

Genoveva Diaz (Faith Formation)

— *Mike Driscoll (School Board)*

Paul Horak (Liturgy/Worship/Prayer)

Edgar Gutierrez/Thomas Johnson (Youth, At Large)

Phyllis Hofer (Social Action)

Carl Berst (Trustee)

Becky Adam (Church Life)

Rich Pierson (Stewardship)

Sonia Leyva (At Large)

Jesse Johnston (At Large)

Beth McBride (Family Life)