

St. James Parish Council
Tuesday Nov. 26, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Minutes

Opening Prayer - *Fr. Troy led us in prayer at 7:10 PM.*

Roll Call - *P. Horak, Fr. Troy, P. Dessner, H. Vittetoe, J. Friese, N. Stoutner*

Approval of August Minutes - *In the minutes 'Agenda' needs to be replaced with 'Minutes'. Heidi made a motion to approve the past minutes with the correction and Pat Dessner seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

Commission Reports

Pastor's Report

Stewardship Renewal - *Took place in September on-line and there were paper sheets in the pews at Mass for those who are not internet users.*

Offertory Enhancement Program - *This will be taking place the middle of January. Members will receive a letter from Fr. Troy to introduce the program and then they will receive a letter from the company asking members to increase their giving. The Parish members will be asked to do their giving on line.*

Finance Council - *Met with School Board, showed them where money comes during the Parish transfer to help understand. Gave suggestions and reasoning for creating full-day section of PreK. Hired Charlotte Lindmeier to be part time Tech/Media Specialist. Will be interviewing applicants for part-time janitor next week.*

School Board - *Hired Charlotte Lindmeier. Completed Site Visit at the beginning of November and are waiting for the results.*

Hispanic Committee - *Our Lady of Guadalupe will be Dec. 8. There will be a bilingual Mass at 11:30. Everyone is invited to attend. Las Posadas starts Dec. 15 at 4:00. Rosary will be prayed bilingually. Each night following will start at 6:00. The night will start in the church and then festivities will follow in the gym. Las Posadas runs from Dec. 15 to the 23.*

Liturgy/Worship - *The committee will be decorating for Advent with poinsettias and an Advent wreath.*

Social Action - *No new members signed up, but many signed up for specific projects. May need a couple more volunteers for Meals on Wheels in December. There were fantastic volunteers for the Gifting tree and the trees are ready to go. The committee will be providing sandwiches for the Feast of Our Lady on December 8th. The committee will be providing a pinata for the Posada on December 15th. The Saturday Kitchen has adequate volunteers right now.*

Maintenance - *Will be meeting to interview a part-time janitor for the church. Wanting to have more regular meetings.*

Stewardship - *Offertory Enhancement*

Family Life - *On Jan. 12, the newly renovated space will be dedicated with the Bishop being present. The committee will be providing dessert for the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration and for Las Posadas.*

New Business

Election of officers *Tabled until next meeting*

Rebuilt Book *This book was used as a book study for the staff this fall.*

Parish Hospitality

Home Enthronement *The KCs made a donation for a Sacred Heart picture that is available at Earthly Blessings. By placing this picture in your home you are inviting the Sacred Heart to be a part of your household.*

Upcoming schedule and announcements

Schedule Christmas gathering *This will be Dec. 19 hosted by Paul and Lynn Horak. Bring a dish to pass and your own drink.*

Upcoming meeting *Jan. 28th at 7:00.*

Closing prayer *Father led us in a closing prayer.*