

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11/22/11

**Members Present:** Phyllis Hofer, Father Troy, Tish Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Linda Gent, Genoveva Diaz, Janis Vittetoe, Heidi Vittetoe, Mike Driscoll, Jesse Johnston, Sonia Ponce

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Hofer at 7:14 pm. Father Troy led the council in prayer.

**Church Life:** Discussed ways to welcome people to the church. We have 11 new households to the St. James Parish. Possible chili cook-off to be announced.

**Faith Formation:** Janis Vittetoe reported, at their last meeting discussion of what to add to the pastoral plan took place. Focus was "mass central to our faith". Three key points: continue to foster growth in small communities, mass as focus of all catechesis, conversion opportunities around touchstones (e.g. baptism, marriage). Linda Gent reported, 16 youth from St. James went to NCYC everyone had great experiences. "The energy was amazing!" Thomas Johnson reported that he enjoyed the energy at NCYC with 23,000 other youth Catholics, he further stated that, "The experience was amazing, there's nothing like it". Fr. Troy reported, NCYC gave him a renewed importance of youth outreach and to help youth to pray better/read the scripture. Plus he also learned the vocabulary of youth!

**Family Life:** No Report.

**Liturgy and worship:** Fr. Troy announced that with the changes of mass, he hopes to keep the pew cards in the hymn book holders.

**Maintenance:** Dan Berdo had no report.

**Social Action:** Phyllis Hofer reported Military packages were sent out. Giving tree was set out in the back of the church, gifts must be unwrapped.

**Stewardship:** Fr. Troy reported still looking for newsletter help

**School Board:** Mike Driscoll reported, Last Wed they received a grant to update the computer lab with apple products.

**Finance Council:** Fr. Troy announced that the parish has met this years annual appeal goal. Happy to welcome Mary Ward as the new business manager. Thanks to Rachel Berdo for her hard work. Rachel will help, as a parishioner, to put informational Q&A as to how parish finances run in the bulletin and/or website.

**Fr. Troy report:** Hispanic Ministries: he reported that there will a celebration for day of dead. Also, a Hispanic Ministries commission was formed.

\*\*No corrections or additions to the minutes--minutes stand approved as written.

**Old Business:** Pastoral Plan will be reviewed in Jan 2012 and will be presented to the parish in mid February during weekend mass.

**New business:** Discussion of how to share individual commission minutes took place. It was decided that each individual commission minutes will be posted on the St. James website by that commission after they are approved. Fr. Troy announced 'Shepard a Soul' program. This program will focus on how to evangelize/share your faith with others, bring back someone to the church by taking a whole year to pray and slowly bringing back that person to the church. Letter in the bulletin to come. Music Ministry Leadership Change, will be forming a musician/parish leaders committee focusing on live, joyful spirit-filled music to build parish.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Phyllis Hofer. Strategic Planning took place after parish council meeting.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm **AND** Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 pm

Recorded by: Sonia Ponce, Secretary  
Pending Approval at Jan 24th meeting.

### **CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

*Father Troy Richmond (At Large)*  
*Ban Berdo (Maintenance)*  
*Heidi Vittetoe (Lay Director)*  
*Genoveva Diaz (Faith Formation)*  
*Mike Driscoll (School Board)*  
*Paul Horak (Liturgy/Worship/Prayer)*  
*Edgar Gutierrez/Thomas Johnson (At Large)*

*Phyllis Hofer (Social Action)*  
*Carl Berst (Trustee)*  
*Becky Adam (Church Life)*  
*Rich Pierson (Stewardship)*  
*Sonia Ponce (At Large)*  
*Jesse Johnston (At Large)*