

Parish Council Meeting
April 22, 2010
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Father Tokarz, Danny Dunaway, James Alexander, Alex Chapman, Pete Garrone, Janet Murray, Pat Waldron, Pat Bolton, Frank Hacker, Deacon Steve Seymour, Honey Shirey

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Danny Dunaway at 7:00 PM. Father David led with a prayer.
- II. Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting were revised and approved as amended.
- III. Financial Report:** Father reported that tithing income is approximately \$900 down from this same time in 2009. He still expects there will be a surplus of approximately \$25,000 at year's end, based on last year's tithing results. This will allow us to pay for the increase in salaries and the increase in Archdiocesan tax, both of which were mandated by the Archdiocese after the parish's budget for Fiscal Year 2010 was approved. To help in this regard, he reported that parish departments were asked to trim their budgets by 5% at the last staff meeting, and they have come up with creative cuts in ways that the parish will not feel the sacrifice. Double doors have been installed in the hallway between the church classrooms and the Pre-School, in an effort to save on utilities. Pete will invite a representative of Alabama Power to meet with Frank Hale to discuss the benefits (or not) of using a demand meter. Father reported that the carillon was installed this week, at no cost to the parish. He has also secured the services, gratis, of a videographer for instruction and expertise, showing us how to do digital recordings. This project overall is being funded using escrowed funds from a recent \$6000 donation from a parishioner, explicitly and exclusively for this purpose. Questions were also raised about how the parish was reporting a total of \$30,000 of income over expenses, year-to-date. Father promised to look into how the numbers are being reported.
- IV. Parish Survey Report:** Parish surveys were passed out at all Masses on April 10 & 11. Deacon Steve reported that approximately 200 surveys have been returned so far, with the balance due by April 25. The total number of completed surveys in 2005 was 143. John Broderick has agreed to collect the completed surveys on the afternoon of April 25 and return a summary to Deacon Steve in two weeks. A brief survey summary report will be made at the May meeting. John will be invited to report to the Parish Council at its June meeting.
- V. Election of New Members:** The three new members elected to the Parish Council on April 11 are Brenda Holderfield, Joan Willis and Tom Klouzal. They will begin their service on the council at the May meeting. Minutes and Bylaws will be distributed to them beforehand. Election of officers will also take place at the May meeting. Members

willing to serve in whatever capacity should contact Danny Dunaway. The incoming members are ineligible to hold an office in their first year.

- VI. Next Meeting:** The May meeting will be held on May 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory. There will be a brief agenda and a social gathering to welcome incoming members to the Council and say thank you and farewell to the outgoing members, Danny Dunaway, Pete Garrone, and Honey Shirey.

The June meeting will be June 22 at 5:00 p.m.

- VII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer led by Alex Chapman.

Submitted by: Pat Waldron, Secretary

cc: Liz Jefferson