

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2011

CALLED TO ORDER: **CHRIS CHARAPATA AT 6:40 PM**

GATHERIN HYMN: **COME EMANUEL**

SCRIPTURE/REFLECTION **LUKE 1:26-38**

GUEST INTRODUCTION: Kim Strelow is interested in possibly being a PC member.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes were accepted as amended by Debbie with a 2nd to the motion by Beth, all approved.

PASTORS REPORT: Fr. Chuck informed the council there is a group formed to try to find new ways to increase revenue for a the parish. There could be a possible need in the future for \$150,000 extra to maintain parish finances. Fr. Chuck and Larry will give a report at masses once this group is fully up and running. They will give a report on the finances of the parish. One idea is to seek the alumni of the parish school which could gain more revenue. This is in the idea stage and nothing will be finalized until later.

A special weekend the church will be addressing the needs of Immigrants and Social Teaching. Fr. Matthew and Fr. Chuck plan to meet with John Cousack for new ideas on how to gather more young adults into our parish. December 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM there will be a Haitian Christmas celebration in our cafeteria to coincide with a celebration in our sister village. Fr. Matthew will share his pictures and his experiences from his trip to Haiti with the other members who were there with him. Guests will also be able to sample Haitian food.

A question was asked about the new missal and how Fr. Chuck felt things were going with the members of the parish. He stated things were going well and this is a learning curve for everyone.

YOUTH REPORT: The Thanksgiving food drive was a success. Confirmation students helped with the collection alongside the SVD members. There was so much food as they had extra donations.

Confirmation 2012 class has begun with 85 candidates. On Dec. 4th there was a talk about the mass with Fr. Matthew in collaboration with 12 parishes. Approx. 800-850 candidates and sponsors attended. The next session is the end of January with Rich Curran.

Freshmen/Sophomore Teen Communication Talk will be on Dec.11th. A Communication talk was given by Bill Johnson a HS campus minister from St. Charles hosted by St. Alphonsus with 10 other parishes. Next Teen mass is January 15th. CYM Volleyball & Basketball has 2 co-ed volley ball teams playing now and 5 basketball teams in the archdiocesan league. League play starts in January. Adult Confirmation

sessions switch to St. Mary in January. Veterans night had 80 veterans attending with dinner being served by That's Amore and the teens helping with serving and cleaning up. J-Walking had 15 kids attend.

FINANCIAL – Ron reported the October financial reports have been sent out. Revenue - we are in good shape due to a very favorable donation. Festival income is \$80,000 with a budgeted amount of \$90,000. Offertory and envelopes are coming along well. We are in good shape. Payment for the new sign is on the books. The sign will not be ready by Christmas. It should be ready by the first or second week in January. The budget is a work in progress and will be presented the end of March. Building Security is being looked into. Two meetings have been held and they are looking into all areas of the church and school. Hales Corners fire department was here for a walk through giving information on building security and fire code requirements. '60 Minutes' TV show has inquired about doing a program about Sister Josephe and Regina Bakala's fight to stay here in the US and not be shipped back to the Congo and certain death.

PARISH PRIORITIES & GOALS – please refer to the handout you received this evening. The PC members were asked to review the 10 steps and see where they can be changed or added to help parishioners own and live our mission.

COMMISSION REPORTS (SUBCOMMITTEE) - This committee is looking into ways to make the committee reports given next year by our Commissions easier for them to write and the PC can see what they have done the past year. They are trying to find new questions to ask the leaders to answer to show what they did to make things better, easier, and how they did it. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM with a Christmas social following.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Cyganek
Recording Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: BETH HARRIS, DEBBIE KAREGEANNES, RON GILLES, DAVE SMITH, CLINT LESTER, CLEM BUDNY, FR. CHUCK DANIKA JOHNSON, LEAH JENK, STEPHANIE BERG, KIRSTEN SOBIESKI, MARY LANG, FR. MATTHEW, KELTY CHELIUS, CHRIS CHARAPATA, KIMBERLY STRELOW AND ROBB LEITINGER.

