

Parish council notes for January 26, 2010

-the prayer was offered by mary kerin, the refreshments by liz ott and the secretary was chris harper

-the minutes for the November 10, 2009 were read and accepted

-under old business the following items were brought up:

-the silent auction held in November. Everyone thought that it was a wonderful event. The event realized about \$5,000. Some thought that the opening bids could have started quite a bit lower. Some talk began about looking at next November 2010 to schedule another event. Linda ferris expressed some interest in working on this with others. We will continue this discussion.

-regarding pastoral planning with our neighboring parishes to the north (st joe's in lee center, st patricks in taberg and st john's in Camden) we continue to meet monthly with fr lou aiello as our moderator. Presently we are discussing parish finances, buildings and grounds and personnel issues.

-the organizational chart of the parish that was presented by Andy drozd at the November meeting has not been worked on any further. We will continue to fine tune this at a future meeting date.

-Andy drozd stated that the choir recorded a cd with a recording company in church at the beginning of January. Just how the cd will be distributed to the parish and to others in the community is still under discussion at this time.

-under new business the following items were mentioned:

-fr kelly is happy to report that sherri coia will be serving as our new parish secretary come the summertime. Presently she is a secretary-in-training under pat pagano. Pat will continue to stay on in a limited role as office manager working about 5 hours per week.

-Sharon Reilly gave us a report on the operations of the st pauls social ministry committee. The purpose of this committee is to serve the needy of our parish and community. The committee meets about 6 times per year

usually about the first Monday of the month at 1:30pm in the parish center. Regarding finances the monthly hunger envelope money goes directly from the parish to support the good works of catholic charities, rescue mission and the red cross.

The golden envelope that appears 2 times each year in November and march goes to support the good works of the committee like sending kids to camp Nazareth in the summer and other projects that the committee deems worthwhile.

The committee sponsors a bake sale and raffle on palm Sunday that benefits catholic charities and in mission to the christ child young parenting program. The committee receives some small offering from the bread and soup supper in lent that also goes to support their good works.

The committee also sponsors monthly collections of food (like pasta soup and cereal) that is distributed to the local food pantries. There are also collections of winter clothing, and personal needs that are given to the above named agencies. In the summer time there is a school supply collection given to area school children. The committee also assists those who do direct prison ministry with financial and material support. They also cook and serve a hot meal at the rescue mission 2/3 times per month. Sharon coordinates this schedule.

Finally at advent/Christmas time the committee sponsors the giving tree that goes to support needy families in Morrisville. Tags are placed on the tree and people bring back the gifts to be distributed to those in need. The catholic charities project lists a particular item in the bulletin each week that you can bring in and place before st. Joseph's altar.

The parish council thanked Sharon for this fine and detailed report.

The next meeting of the parish council has been changed to march 23 at 7pm in the parish center.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris harper