

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2009

If you have any questions for the Pastoral Council, there is a link in our website: [nativitycatholicchurch.org](http://nativitycatholicchurch.org).

Rhea Lambert welcomed the new members and everyone introduced themselves. In Fr. Proulx's absence, Rhea opened the meeting with a scripture reading and reflection.

## **Stewardship & Advancement – Tina Sullivan**

**One Heart Campaign update**-\$4,305,333.42 has been pledged to date. \$845,600.00 has been collected. Updates will continue to be posted in the bulletin and on the website. Over a 3 month period almost \$100,000.00 has been collected.

**APA 2009/10** –Forever Will I Give You Thanks - parishioners are continuing to complete their pledges and we are very thankful.

**Our Spring Gala** – Results will be published in this week's bulletin. A committee is already working on next year's gala. The goal is to have more parish involvement. It will be on 4-24-2010 at the Pepin Distribution Center. They are looking for any suggestions to make it a more spectacular event.

It is planned to have several ministry showcases during the year. **A large screen TV** has been donated for use in the Social Hall.

Summer Programs have 208 enrolled students both adults and children.

## **7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free – Bryon Holz**

Introductory Session will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Adult Ed. Bldg. Weekly sessions will run for 6 consecutive weeks beginning on July 11<sup>th</sup> and ending August 15<sup>th</sup>. The leadership team, Bryon Holz, Ed Buckley, and Jeannete Kochik are very excited about this new valuable educational apostolate for our parish family. This program directly relates to so many areas of our parish community, from stewardship and development to faith formation and even the sacraments. It is pastoral, yet also very obviously financial. There will be weekly announcements published in the bulletin.

## **Food Pantry – Carl & Tess Falkenbach**

Carl is the Operations and Volunteer Manager of the Food Bank, Tess is the Administrative Manager for the Food Bank and Food Pantry, and Sue Hrabusa is the Food Distribution Manager for the Food Pantry on Thursday at Nativity and is also the Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator.

Things are going well as far as our contributions and donations go. The support we receive, both financially and physically, have been great although we always seem to need baby food. Publix Supermarkets are our greatest food supplier along with our USDA donations. We were invited to the Grand Opening of the GFS Marketplace (Gordon Food Service) June 2 and were awarded a \$1000.00 check to be used for our outreach ministry. They recognized what it is that we do through the Food Bank and the Food Pantry and wanted to help support the community. The volunteers are our greatest asset; they work hard and are so dependable and dedicated. Volunteers attended the Annual RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) Recognition Luncheon on May 15, 2009. We nominated 4 of our volunteers for awards both in the Dedication and Leadership categories.

Leo Rossiter was awarded a Dedication Award. The RSVP Awards Committee also awarded Pat LeJeune with "A Lasting Impression" award for her many years of service. It was accepted by Pat's husband, Tom LeJeune.

Food Pantry numbers are down from beginning of year. It's believed it is due to the fact that the migrant workers have left for the season. The Postal Carriers food drive was a great success. 8 pallets of food were received which totaled 7,630 pounds, all of which was used to make up hurricane boxes just in time for the season. Boxes for this purpose were received within a week of requesting them. It's amazing how the parish community responds. The International Paper Co. in Tampa donated 375 boxes and 1000 more were received from Tampa Bay Harvest. The boxes have been packed with food and are ready if needed.

**The "Taste of 2009" will be September 26<sup>th</sup>.** "Save the Date" notices are being mailed this week. We are looking forward to a successful and profitable fund-raising evening.

## **Talent Show – July 18, 2009 - Susan Fogarty**

To date, there has only been one person that has applied. We have 2 judges and are confident that by the audition dates there will be more parishioners enrolled. Susan is hoping to have refreshments and wondered if there is a budget for refreshments.

## **Career Workshop - Linda McCarroll**

Workshop will be presented on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. All the presenters are in place and will be assisting in resume writing, public speaking and networking. Linda has obtained permission to have the workshop posters put at both St. Francis and St. Stephen's with the particulars regarding the workshop. She also will be putting announcements in the Osprey and Brandon section of the Tampa Tribune. All information will be in our bulletin and signs will be placed on our property.

## **Scrip – Sue Mokris**

Sue continues to work with Tina on the details. The program has already been implemented in the school. Sue is hoping that a way will be found to make the project easy to understand and use. This would be an additional way to make income and also be of help to our parishioners. Proceeds from the parish project will be going to our youth programs.

## **Commissioning Get Together – Sue Mokris**

Final details were discussed for the Commissioning of new council members on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Virginia Baum said a comment box will be made available for parishioners. A place is yet to be designated.

Meeting was closed with a prayer.

Attendance: Art Barlaan, Virginia Baum, Mary Ann Berkhimer, Antonio Cartagena, Kevin Kramer, Rhea Lambert, Dee LoPresti, Linda McCarroll, Sue Mokris Gary Rabenold, Kervin Speed, Haydee Rivera, Jim Ussery  
Excused absence: Janet Caraballo