

St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Council
Meeting Notes
February 14, 2007

I. Roll Call: Attending

Jim Kneese	Father Timothy	Charlie Donner
Dominick Gervasi	Ruben Reveles	Anna Tillerson
Mauricio Frye	Melissa Silvestri	Barbara Intondi

II. Opening Prayer

III. Minutes from the December 2006 meeting approved and seconded

IV. Capital Campaign Report: Jim Kneese reported to the Council that currently we have had 21% of the parish respond to the pledge drive resulting in 10.4 million in pledges. He stressed the importance of continuing to get the word out to parishioners through the ministries. It was suggested that each Commissioner contact their respective ministry leaders and ask them how they would be communicating this need throughout their ministries. Father Timothy stated that there would be no mention of the Capital Campaign from the pulpit during Lent, but that the idea of tithing and responsibility would be touched upon in the B.O.W. weekly readings.

V. Mardi Gras Frisco 2007: Mauricio Frye and Anthony Hernandez reported to the Council on the success of this year's Mardi Gras. They wish to thank all the ministries that contributed to the success of the evening, and wished to thank Steve Nasche and the Youth Ministry for finding a way to be involved by addressing a need, such as child care. This year saw 68 children using the child care offered. They were happy to announce that Deacon Frank and his beautiful wife Elia were our new Mardi Gras king and queen. Overall the night was viewed as a great Success and raised over \$29,000.00 for Community Outreach and the New Church Arts fund. A written report was submitted to the Council.
(addendum)

VI. Friday Night Lenten Activities: Father Timothy wished to place emphasis on participation in the upcoming Lenten services. These activities should be viewed as our parish's Lenten Mission. Everyone

should make an effort to attend: the Stations of the Cross, the Meager Meal, and then the Friday night Lenten Talks with Father Timothy. All ministries should make use of the B.O.W. sheets when they begin their meetings during the Lenten Season.

VII. Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission: Melissa reported that the Liturgy Commission is currently making preparations for Ash Wednesday. They have reorganized many of the ministries.

Outreach Commission: Anna wished to bring the attention of the Council that Jennifer Greenlee, Ministry Leader of the Aids Supper Club has added another house that is being helped by this ministry. She would also like to bring to the attention of the council that there are fourteen days a month that these residents are not supplied with any daily meals. The Outreach Commission will be looking into how St. Francis can continue and possibly grow the support of this ministry and its service to the least fortunate of the population.

Anna also wished to report on the new ministry of “Just Me and the Kids”. It currently has 17 children and 8 adults enrolled in this ministry and views this first session as a great success in providing a much needed service to the community.

Hispanic Commission: The Commission continues to work on By-Laws and organization. Ruben asked the Council for any suggestions they might have on helping some of these ministries better integrate into the Commission structure and the different procedures and also aid them by sharing different ideas that have proved successful in different areas. It was suggested by Charlie Donner that the Council look into gathering a small group of different Commission members to meet with the members of the Hispanic Commission to have a session of sharing of ideas.

Community Life: Mauricio reported of the upcoming events of the Community Life ministries. He wished to report that the Monte Carlo Night Committee currently had all the different group leaders they required with the exception of a Vice Chairperson. This individual would be hopefully be able to take over the running of Monte Carlo night next year. He also

wished to report that Catholic Singles Volunteering would be starting an evening Book Club beginning March 17th. Their first selected reading would be “The Complete Stories” by Flannery O’Connor.(addendums)

Faith Formation Commission: The Faith Formation Commission would not be holding its regularly scheduled meeting in February in observance of Ash Wednesday. Barbara wished to report of the growing desire to have each ministry set in place an effective communication structure so that every parishioner who participates in a ministry is kept aware of all the events going on within the parish. The goal is to draw each family into a greater participation in parish life. To help the Commission begin this step, David Utsler has been asked to address the Commission at their March meeting. He will be reviewing the newly revised “Leadership Guide”. It is hoped that this will help all the ministry leaders see how important it is to reach out to all our parish families and keep them informed.

VIII. Closing Prayer