

**St James Parish Family
Parish Pastoral Council**
Meeting Minutes January 24, 2007

Members present – Jim Fatula, Brian Ferber, Carla Gonzales, Hal Pawlowski, Pam Hester, Ralph Wydra and Maureen Wydra.

Absent - Ken Costigan, John Ingram Sr., Nancy Welton, and Bud Lucy

Please note that all individuals who have the responsibility for action items are identified in **Italicized Underlined Text**.

- Opening prayer Jim
- November 15, 2007 minutes
 - Reviewed and accepted
- Stations of the Cross
 - February 29th
 - Need to prepare for this presentation
 - Jim will accompany with music if we want
 - Maureen suggested that we keep it to an hour or less
- Comments on the Diocesan meeting
 - Jim has asked Pam to get us a copy of the presentation because it is not on the web site. The only thing that Ralph found was the Tucson Q & A.
 - We will have to have meetings when Father returns to prepare a presentation or form an idea for sharing with the parish.
- Jim will put out a request for what date works for the February working session but the only feasible date in February was the 10th from 1 to 5 PM
- Jim will attend the February finance council meeting
- Welcome Sunday
 - We should **all** attend this Sunday after the 9:00 AM mass and wear our badges
 - Pam shared that the setup will be adjusted to better accommodate the people
 - Pam asked for us to help
- Church Solutions Conference and Exposition
 - February 12th, 13th, and 14th
 - If the church pays a \$50 fee any parishioner may attend
 - There are many opportunities and several expressed an interest in going. Pam stated that if anyone were interested in going that she would pay the fee. Please let Pam know if you would like to attend ASAP. Additionally please let her know which sessions you would be interested in going. If you want more information please go to www.churchsolutions.com .
- RCIA final meeting
 - Discussions about how many of the things we have been discussing are already ongoing in the parish. Carla shared that she had spoke with Pat and that she felt that this was a great idea to have someone come to the RCIA group. Pat will let us know when we should come. Pam suggested that we should consider going to see the parents in the Baptism classes. All agreed that this would also be a good idea. Ralph suggested that someone take on this as a sub committee to approach all 'milestones' not just RCIA or Baptism. Ralph asked who is responsible for this in the staff. Maureen stated that Mary Ann is responsible but this falls under Herb as his

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area of responsibility.

- Conversation ensued that there are problems getting volunteers and the different roadblocks adversely effecting volunteerism. Called to Protect is one and the confusion about 'paying' certain other volunteer groups to support their ministry. One example noted was the youth group (and the associated NCYC fundraising). The reasoning behind it was that the dollars are designated for specific use.
- Staff Reports
 - Maureen shared that we cannot afford another outside mission for Lent. Deacon Alan has volunteered to offer a bible study focused on Psalms and the dates are February 19th and 26th March 4th and 11th and the time will be from 7:00 to 8:15.
 - Maureen shared that the carpet has been ordered for the church and will be delivered in the neighborhood of February 15th. They will not start until they get the new carpet in and Ignacio Malave will repair the cracks in the floor once the old carpet is removed. Depending on schedule we may have mass on a concrete floor but that will depend on a lot of things. Mike Giacalone will repair the altar weak areas and the area around the drums will be carpeted as well and he will make accommodations for wiring etc. The plan is to have it done before Easter. The carpet has all of the liturgical colors flecked throughout and as such the different liturgical colors will make the carpet appear to have been changed. This is being accomplished using money from the restricted fund set aside for the worship area.
 - Maureen will provide the Pastoral council a report about the mass attendance. She will have Bruce send the report to Brian each Monday
 - Pam shared that Sue wasn't sending out exit letters but she has begun be doing so and will provide copies to us as she receives them.
 - Pam shared that the server is overwhelmed and it will be replaced and the old server will just be used for e-mail. The current server is so overwhelmed that is has become almost unusable. Mark will replace it as soon as we can afford one. The cost is approximately \$3,000 to \$3,500. We have about \$700 already. Ralph suggested that this computer updating and maintenance should be reviewed in the budget every 3 years. Pam shared that money is tight, we are holding our own but money is tight.
 - Maureen shared that we have acquired three new mikes and transmitters and added to the sound system. These are high tech and adjustable to accommodate each individual speaker. About half of the cost has been covered already using money from the fiesta bowl raffle tickets. She has told the music ministry managers should be reviewing their systems and adjusting the budget accordingly and not wait until the equipment has failed. Ralph suggested that someone should be keeping up with new technology so we will be kept up to date rather than be behind.
 - The next building committee meeting will not be until Father Robert returns from the Holy Land. Hal expressed a concern that he was not included on distribution for the last meeting
- Future agenda items
 - Review By-Laws after the change in mission statement approved by Father
 - Father has asked us to review the Parish Poll to see if all items were addressed
 - Awaiting improved attendance data for future review of Fathers challenge
 - Father Robert's input about Pope Benedict's comments
 - Building Committee update
- Carla closed with prayer at 8:53