

Minutes of St. Gregory the Great Parish Council for Monday, March 3, 2008

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 P.M.

Present were: Rev. Dave R. Ireland, Pastor; Mark Geyman; Sal Miroglotta; Pat Rahill; Denise DiVita, Tom Kelly, Robert Mapel

Comments from Father Ireland:

One concern at the moment is the decreasing collections- down \$1K-\$3K from last year at this time. Just about a year ago we started the tithing drive. Bills have not decreased, but revenues have. Pleased to see good numbers of people at church; new membership up in registrations.

School will shortly undergo external OCSAA review. Internal review has been completed. Visiting team from other schools will assess school improvement plan.

Lent is progressing nicely. Stations of the Cross and Benediction attendance is good. Divine Mercy Sunday will be at St. Gregory's on March 30. Abbot Clement from Benedictine Abbey will give reflection.

Question about tithing directed to Father Ireland. He has been guided to hold a wine and cheese social with new parishioners. Also, soon we will hear talks about time and talent at Masses. Time and talent are the other components of the program.

Planning a different schedule on Good Friday. To give teens chance for involvement in parish, they will offer a living stations in the gym at 7:30 P.M.

Parish Life: No report.

Spiritual Life: Given by Tom Kelly. Highlighted Abbot Clement's appearance for Divine Sunday. Communal Penance Service on March 17th. Mentioned in bulletin: 3 classes for adults that have never been confirmed before confirmation date of April 20th. Starting Pre-Cana on March 8th. Continuing with homebound ministry with flower delivery to those people visited through the program. Relative to Catholic Men's Fellowship. Conference in Akron on 2/9/08 at Archbishop Hoban High School with 500 attendees, 18 from our parish. Coffee House Theology on Wednesday nights. Attendance has slumped a bit since the first week, perhaps because of weather. Speakers have been on DVD, but have been excellent. New program for pre-school moms announced but not yet started. Adoration continues with good attendance, though it's been somewhat difficult to fill all time slots. Arranging parish mission. Arranged with Father Mitch from EWTN to direct the mission. Father Mitch is Jesuit.

Cluster Committee: Report from Mark Geyman. Group is now looking at various scenarios for member parishes. Looking at scenarios in smaller groups. Will begin pulpit exchanges to familiarize parishes with priests in the area. Also looking to town hall meetings to share information with members of all the parishes.

Review of Census Materials: Material from census broken down in to summaries. All three summaries looked somewhat similar. Suggestions varied. Some things are already done, but list contained a number of interesting suggestions. Father Ireland mentioned that booklets with all parish activities listed are almost through production and will be mailed to homes soon. Further review tabled until material is consolidated further, possible into the context of committees for further review.

Father Ireland added that a few weeks ago our choir sang at the Cathedral, were well-received, and impressed the staff at the Cathedral.

Summary: Commission Reports offered. Minutes from last two meetings will be approved at next meeting. Census materials will be consolidated, hopefully for next meeting, for consideration. Discussion about volunteerism followed.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 P.M.

Next meeting on April 7, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.