

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2006

PRESENT: Fr. Dave Ireland, Fr. Ken, Piero Capichioni, Tom Capretta, Marianne Chordas, Mark Geyman, Steve Krajnak and Don Schuele
Guests: Gerald Wisniewski and Mrs. Eileen Gerome

PRAYER: Steve Krajnak opened with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Guest Speaker – Gerald Wisniewski, the Diocesan Pastoral Council Representative from the Suburban East District was introduced and spoke to Council regarding the DPC. Gerald's term is a 2 year commitment. The committee is comprised of 27 people who voice Diocesan issues to the Bishop. Gerald said that Bishop Pilla is very open and answers all questions. The 2005-06 issues were: 1) Follow up on the Parish past council vocation process, 2) Support continued develop of Vibrant Parish Life and collaboration among parishes, 3) Encourage the Development of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and 4) Promote a deeper awareness of our Catholic Faith.
Steve Krajnak asked if each parish would be celebrating Bishop Pilla's 25th anniversary or is there something else being planned? Gerald said he would look into this and report back to us.
- B) Minutes of Feb. 10, 2006 were accepted by Steve Krajnak and Don Schuele seconded them.
- C) Steve Krajnak reminded council of three upcoming Spring Diocese Programs. They are: 1) March 10th at Borromeo from 1-4, 2) March 11th at St. Basil's from 9-12. 3) April 5th at St. Noel. The topic is Vibrant Parish Life which Mark Geyman will attend. 4) April 22nd, Steve Krajnak will attend at the DPC from 8:30 a.m. till noon at St. Basil's.
- D) Finance Council – Council welcomed Eileen Gerome, Bookkeeper for St. Gregory's and member of the finance council. Eileen reported on the two fiscal years of 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 financial report and answered questions. Fr. Ireland will introduce the financial statement to the parishioners and a follow up meeting to

answer questions from parishioners. This will be arranged in the next two weeks.

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- A) Parish Life – Fr. Ireland spoke about the lovely appreciation dinner for the census workers that was held in the cafeteria. Also, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 25th, there will be a Parish pot luck. More info. to follow up on in the Church bulletin.**
- B) Spiritual Life – Fr. Ireland talked about having Lenten programs and clustering with the following parishes: Holy Rosary, St. Clare, St. Margaret Mary, St. Paschal and St. Gregory.**
Fr. Ireland also stated that Pat Kennedy will be advertising for Sacristans to help out with dusting and cleaning the church as her groups have had some resignations recently.
The Spiritual Life Commission was asked to offer an announcement for open meetings in order to have parishioners to come to meetings before deciding to get totally involved in the Commission's work. This goes for the other two commissions and Council too.
Steve Krajnak went over the Usher/Greeter survey he created which involved the following parishes: St. Clare, St. Anselm, St. Paschal and St. Felicitas. It was a very informative guide. A suggestion was made to appoint a head person to take care of the ushers and the Spiritual Life Commission will take this under advisement.
- C) Fr. Ken – Social Concerns**
Fr. Ken was very impressed with receiving approximately 700 signatures to defeat the introduction of House Bill 434 which seeks to legalize the creation of embryonic human beings through cloning. Such embryonic human beings will then be killed for research.
Fr. Ken was asked to look into the establishment of the wellness committee for blood pressure checks, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Preliminary discussion of Council Elections – Don Schuele reported that there will be an election for two seats for Parish Pastoral Council. Parishioners will be asked if interested to submit intention in writing to Fr. Ireland by Sunday April 23rd. Elections will be held May 21st.**
- B) Status of Pictorial Book for St. Gregory the Great Parishioners – Fr. Ireland said that the census took a great deal of time to compile and now they are working on the Pictorial Book. Pictures will be taken on Sunday March 12th at appointed times for the different organizations of the parish.**
- C) Steve Krajnak announced that on April 28th, 10:00 a.m., the celebration of Arbor Day will take place under the magnificent 370 year old St. Gregory white old Oak tree. Steve also announced that many political leaders including President Bush may be invited. Fr. Ireland has been very gracious to host the dignitaries. There will be school children involvement with the ceremony. In case of rain, the ceremony will take place inside the Church. All are invited.**
Steve also announced that on Monday, March 13th, Dr. Guarendi will hold his discussion at 7:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Dr. Ray Guarendi is the author of: “You’re a Better Parent Than You Think: A Guide to Common Sense Parenting.”
Steve proposed that he would like to offer coffee and doughnuts Sunday, March 12th in Mary’s room while waiting to have group pictures taken. It will begin around 1:00p.m. till approximately 3:00 p.m. All Council members were asked to help out. Also, a corporate Mass was discussed for Sunday preceeding our Council meeting. Steve asked Fr. Ireland to think about Sunday, April 2nd (at a time to be determined.)
- D) Don Schuele asked Council to place an ad for the school Drama Club Program. A Collection was taken for the ad.**

Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next meeting for Council will be April 3, 2006 in Mary’s Room at 7:00 p.m.