



Guardian Angels Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Attended	John Baker, Sally Bergum, Tim Collins, Eric Crowell, Daryl Eiden, Father Paul, Scott Guillemette, Patti Hampson, Samantha Hensch, Steve Kingsbury, Emily Klinker, Carmen Montes, Mario Montes, Steve Rasmussen, Mike Richelson, Ken Stacken, Mark Stoltman, Lynette Wheelock, Greg Withrow, John Zittony
Absent	Randy Symanitz, Tina Healy,
Mtg Date	7:00 PM Thursday March 13, 2008
Location	Parish Conference Room

Items Discussed

This meeting was a joint council meeting with representatives from Parish Council, Finance Council, Faith Formation, Buildings Grounds and Gardens Committee.

3 L's – Liturgy, Learning, and Life

- Part of our mission is to focus in on these aspects of our faith to bring about the kingdom of God to our part of the world
- To practice our faith the way it was meant to be
- A mission committee (sub committee of Parish Council) will be formed to look for ways to implement these ideas better.
- Lynette Wheelock will head committee
- To make ownership of our parish
- Stop the analysis paralysis and work toward mission
- Make people feel welcome and for parishioners to know each other better
- Be aware of the historical events to move forward
- Discussion took place on whether to have one person from each committee represent their committee
- There was confusion as to what new committee purpose would be
- In the past there was a Liaison Meeting between all the leaders of each council
- At the Basilica there is Leadership Formation on the 3 L's; Each council member recommends someone that may have potential as a leader to attend

Staff Crisis

- The work of the church was replaced by staff but now we are understaffed and the current staff coordinates the laity to be stewards of their time and talent; C
- An idea proposed by Father would be to have a Shared Ministry Coordinator like the Basilica; someone to oversee how people can best use their time and talent
- New parishioners should be engaged as quickly as possible
- We need to bridge the gap between showing up and acting on our Baptismal commitment
- GA would have to collect \$13k per week to expand staff; Currently at \$9k

Vision

- Parish council's role is legislative not necessarily implementers
- There is a need for an associate pastor
- Father expressed a desire to implement much less to have more time to focus on vision
- Many times Father feels like the slower downer because he is the center of the spokes but doesn't want to cause interference
- We will look into a best practices for successful parishes; The Basilica is the best model of a practicing parish in the archdiocese

- The Liaison Meetings will begin again as a short term cabinet style committee to communicate more effectively between each council and our pastor
- A multi-parish retreat may be what is needed to grow and improve
- It was noted that in the past the pastor didn't attend the liaison meetings but if he missed a meeting he would get an update from a different council of what is happening as a whole in the parish
- The Latino Committee should be a part of the Liaison meetings
- Lynette will begin focusing on vision

150th Update - Next up

- Holy Family Concert
- Spring Fling – Goal \$75,000; PC will sponsor another basket for the silent auction
- Mark will talk to Marie about gambling license for Hispanic events

Sports

- St. Nick's won the basketball tournament
- Tournament raised \$500 in concessions for school repairs
- Basketball will continue at Chaska Community Center for those interested
- A desire for a softball team was expressed – contact Bill Boecker

Finance Council

- Patti Hampson is getting a handle on her new position
- Expressed a need to go through Patti for spending
- Suggestion of removing extra envelopes to have total parish stewardship where all money would go to support all programs
- Netting is not necessarily good; less revenue is shown to bypass taxes but less expenses are shown which doesn't accurately show growth
- The envelopes will slowly be eliminated while forewarning parishioners
- If anyone shows interest in the way GA manages funds they should be recruited for the finance council
- In the future the finance council would like to coordinate the budget directly

Buildings, Grounds, and Gardens

- Guardian Angels Campus was broken down into 6 areas: church, school, convent, parish house, offices, and grounds
- Groups of people went out to each area and made an inventory of all the areas of concern
- The gym roof took precedence followed by tuck pointing the exterior of the church and then the church roof
- What can be done for the 150th?
- Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month

Next meeting April 11, 2008 at 7:00pm