

February 21, 2011
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

Meeting called to order @ 7:05pm by Maria Lehman.

In attendance: Maria Lehman, Fr. McKenna, Bridget Wheatley, Betty Pucci, Charlie O'Donnell, and Colleen DeMott.

Opening prayer offered by Maria Lehman.

Minutes from the last meeting approved

Pastor's Updates and insights: Sound system has some issues that are being addressed. Fr. George will be leaving to help a parish in OH and Fr. Charlie will be temporarily assigned to our parish. In six or seven weeks a special meeting of the finance council and the parish council will convene to collect information to determine the future needs of our parish. Whether our pooled money will be made available to our parish has not yet been determined. We are hoping for a decision by June of this year. If this money is returned to our parish there will be a solid foundation available for future projects and needs.

Old Business: RCIC program has many young adults and teens participating and many are from our Spanish speaking community. The Easter Vigil will have parts done in Spanish.

New Business: New Roman Missal. An outline for the implementation of these changes has been reviewed. In January and February an implementation committee should be forming. In March Liturgical catechism for this committee will begin. It is hoped that this committee will be established so when our priests change the committee will be able to continue this process. This is a good opportunity to form a Liturgy Committee and the parish council should take a leadership role. The parish council should also consider meeting during the summer months in order to keep the momentum going.

Parish Council/Ministries Reports:

Liturgy Committee, Fr. McKenna- People on the altar will continue to practice the changes that our renovation project has created.

Christian Formation, Betty Pucci- First Confession is completed for those children preparing for First Holy Communion.

Social Concerns, Bridget Wheatley- Helping Hands Ministry will now be called Heavenly Hands Ministry. Starting in April volunteers will help with this ministry. No liability insurance is needed. Volunteers will sign up to be the "angel of the day" making themselves available on that day to help those with needs.

Heavenly Hands Ministry has written its mission statement and will next meet on March 16, 2011 @ 6:30 pm.

Building and Maintenance, Charlie O'Donnell- HVAC maintenance proposal has 5 contractors giving bids. The city is waiting on funding for the bio-retention pond that will help with flooding problems in our parking lot.

Closing prayer offered by Fr. McKenna and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm