

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21, 2012

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Those present: Father Jon, Des'Tina Paige(secretary), Lorena Eggleston, Lois Wilkins and Shavett Grady(co-secretary)

Those absent: Semona Peterson, Gilbert Sanchez(chairperson)and Mary Wainright-Smith

Topics discussed:

- The need for a secretary to record and submit the minutes of every meeting was proposed. It was decided that Des'Tina will be the secretary and in her absence, Shavett will be the alternate secretary.
- We discussed that when the Diocesan council met, they discussed Pope Benedict's chosen theme for this year which was: Faith. The Pope is encouraging churches to look at their faith lives and various documents of the church. The Diocesan Council also suggested that since many people may not be familiar with the documents, or hadn't studied them, that all parish councils should look at the Catechism documents and the Documents of the Vatican II at the beginning of each future meeting, to familiarize ourselves with them and to help us understand our mission in the church and in our world.
- We also discussed that the Pope was pleased with the United States' implementation of the new Roman Missal in the church.
- We are in the process of forming two Commissions in the church: Parish Life Commissions and Peace and Social Justice Commissions. We discussed how we could further form the Commissions with the members of the parish, and it was suggested that we have a pot luck dinner at the end of April, pending April 29th, to bring this information to our parish members. Pending approval of this date, Des'Tina agreed to make an announcement to be placed in the bulletin about the pot luck and wearing BLUE on April 29th.
- It was also stated that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and we would be handing out blue ribbons to be worn on April 29th in observance of preventing Child Abuse. We also decided on 4 inserts to be copied and placed in the Weekly Bulletins for the month of April, on what we can do as a parish and a community to prevent Child Abuse, detect it, and facts about Child Abuse. Des'Tina also agreed to make 50 more blue ribbons to be passed out and worn on the date of the pot luck, if the pending date is approved.

Agenda for next Parish Council Meeting (4/25/12):

- The first fifteen minutes will be spent reading and discussing the Commandments, which is the first set of documents we will be studying.
- We will also be discussing ways that we can bring these documents and Catechism information to our parish members.
- It was further stated that someone needed to be present at the Commissions Meeting in annex on 4/24/12, to report back to the Parish Council.

***Please note, after speaking to Sandy, she stated that April 29th would not be a good day for the pot luck due to a prior event scheduled, therefore a new date must be decided upon.**