



St. Mark's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2007

(NOTE: Our next meeting will be on May 15, 2007 in the Rectory. This will be a closed meeting. Please note the date change.)

Council Members:

- * Denotes Clergy, Staff or Trustees
- ** Denotes Council Officers

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| Msgr. William Carton* | Present | Gary Cademartori** | Present |
| Deacon Dennis Saake* | Present | Tom Hayes | Present |
| Frank Prettyman* | Present | Karen Pappas** | Present |
| Nelda Ragan* | Present | Frank Sharp | Present |
| Peter Abitanto** | Present | Diana Zuna | Absent |
| Mary Ellen Ballou | Absent | | |

Highlights:

This was our Special Open Parish Council meeting, “An Evening of Prayer and Reflection,” to which all St. Mark’s Parishioners were invited. Monsignor Carton, Father Caesar and Deacon Dennis led the attendees in prayer, including recitation of the Rosary, during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which was followed by Benediction. During this time of prayer, a list of special intentions prepared by Karen Pappas was read by Deacon Saake. The intentions have been posted on the Parish Council web-site to assist in our continued prayer.

Following this service a “meet and greet” social was held in Father Child’s Hall to give interested Parishioners the opportunity to get to know and speak with our various Parish Council members. Wine and cheese was provided, along with fresh fruit and vegetables. A handout was provided to all attendees with the responses to various questions previously raised by our Parishioners. A copy of this handout, “Responses to the Parishioner Questions Submitted,” is also available on-line at the Parish Council website. They are posted right after the minutes of the April 2007 meeting. There were about 35 attendees at the social and a slightly smaller number at the earlier service in the Church.

Our May meeting will be held two weeks early on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM. This change was approved at a prior Council Meeting and was necessary due to scheduling conflicts encountered by some of our members.

Action Items from March 27, 2007 Meeting:

- 1. Get suggestions for agenda items for our meetings to Karen by the 10th of each month to allow sufficient time for review, approval and distribution of the package one week prior to each meeting. Responsibility: All Members**
- 2. Check on the various Diocesan sponsored publications, meetings, workshops, etc. and report on those of potential interest. Responsibility: Nelda**
- 3. Document the essentials of what our Parishioners need to know when planning for Matrimony, and when there is a need to arrange for a funeral. Responsibility: Nelda, Karen and Deacon Dennis.**
- 4. Deacon Dennis recommended that we discuss “Stewardship” at one of our next meetings, since this will be introduced to our congregation later in 2007. Responsibility: Karen**