

## St. Mark's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2007

(Our next meetings will be on April 24 and May 15, 2007.)

### Council Members:

### \*Non-voting Members

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

### Highlights:

Karen welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about our need to finalize the plans and handout materials for our open Parish Council meeting on April 24. The majority of our meeting was focused on these topics after Monsignor's opening remarks.

Monsignor reminded everyone that next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week, and that St. Mark's is still planning to have a 40 hours devotion starting the Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15.

After some discussion the program for our April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting was finalized. This meeting will begin at 7:30 PM in St. Mark's Church with prayers, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. At approximately 8:15 PM we will move downstairs for a wine and cheese social during which Parishioners will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Parish Council members and receive copies of the responses to our Parishioners questions previously submitted.

In response to our request to Parishioners for questions in advance of the April 24<sup>th</sup> open meeting, we received 4 letters and 1 voice mail. These questions and proposed responses were reviewed and discussed in detail, and this activity absorbed most of our remaining meeting time. In summary our responses were finalized and will be prepared for reproduction and distribution on April 24.

The topics on Stewardship and Sacramental Preparation will be deferred to our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, since we did not have enough time to cover them at this meeting.

Diana Zuna, an alternate Parish Council member to Carlos Zuna, reported that due to work conflicts Carlos will no longer be able to participate. Diana will therefore be representing the Hispanic Ministry on St. Mark's Parish Council going forward.

Our May meeting will be held 2 weeks early on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM.

**Action Items from March 27, 2007 Meeting:**

- 1. Get suggestions for agenda items for our meetings to Karen by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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**