

**St. Augustine Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
December 6, 2008**

Eileen Brown	Daniel DuPont	Kenny Martin	Alan Ontiveros	Brandon Tomnay
Carolyn Coleman	Craig Follis	Carole Maxwell	Vic Owen	Alberto Torres
Oscar Cordoua	Al Hallatt	Rolando Molina	Ann Popik	Margaret Warren
Sandy Corrigan	Rex Hartley	Paula Mierzwa	Msgr. Mike Schmied	Liz Welchons

Fred Howland with the Building Committee was our guest.

Refreshments were provided by Fidel and Oscar.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Brandon Tomnay led us in prayer and reflection.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New Council members were welcomed. Carolyn thought the discernment was very good. There were so many good people there to be selected. Ann was also impressed with how many people came. Dan thought the best thing was a different group of people to answer different questions. He thinks we have lots of good people to do good things. The biggest problem is feedback and asking others to help. When we ask for help and we get names we need to make follow-up calls when people say they are interested in helping.

Let people who weren't discerned onto Council know what else they can do to help. Prepare an "organizational chart" on the web page to let others know where "holes" are that need to be filled. This year bring up things that need to be done and at the next meeting solve these action items. Have a sub-committee to handle this part.

Is there information on what is needed by the committees that have no members? What do these committees do? When do they meet?

"CALLED TO SERVE"

How do we as a Council "transform the parish"? We are aware of what a Christian committee is. Al noted we have a lot of Catholics that do not understand why we do the things we do. Pages 18 and 19 are the heart of the matter.

Constitution Overview – Page 2, Section 9 – members need to know the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council. We could use "drop boxes" for things that a parish member might need to bring to our attention. They could be by the picture board in the Commons. If someone needs to bring an issue to our attention, they need to know this must be done 2 weeks before our meeting.

There was a motion to change the Constitution, however, the amendment must be written today to be changed at the next meeting. The motion came from the Executive Committee to increase the number of members from 8 to 10.

Vic will write something up to "fix" the By-Laws and the Constitution. Changes to Constitution: One-half of the membership has to be discerned each year; Article III, Section 2, remove "2"; members of Council must meet guidelines stated in *"Called to Serve"*. Changes to By-Laws: a minimum of 8 members-at-large.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATE

The mission of this committee is to determine if Phase II is necessary and do we actually build it. Each person on the committee was asked by Father Mike to serve. There are 12 members...some are staff, construction, accounting, etc. In order to build this phase, we need 1/3 in-pocket, 1/3 committed from parish and 1/3 borrowed. The 1/3 in-pocket has shrunk. October 2010 is the target date for the grand opening of the new facility. At this point we are on target for this opening. The cost is \$1,000,000, \$100,000 for the architect. We own 14 acres of land.

RETREAT INFORMATION

Our retreat will be held on February 20-21, 2009. It can be either at Richmond Hill or Roslyn. The cost at Richmond Hill will be \$60 per person and will begin at 4 pm on Friday. We cannot bring in food or alcohol. At Roslyn, we can bring snacks and drinks and begin at 6 pm on Friday. The cost at Roslyn will be \$100.00 per person. It was decided that the retreat would be at Roslyn.

LUNCH AND LEARN

While we ate a delicious lunch prepared by Eileen, Council saw the “*Walk by Faith*” results and survey presentation by Vic.

Our next meeting will be held on March 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Mierzwa, Secretary