

**St. Augustine Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting
December 1, 2007**

Angy Acosta	Bunny Fitzpatrick	Paula Mierzwa	Brandon Tomnay
Katharine Anderson	Craig Follis	Alan Ontiveros	Alberto Torres
Danny Belcher Sr.	Carol Hermesen	Vic Owen	Margaret Warren
Chris Corrigan	Kenny Martin	Fidel Rubio	Rosalia West
Sandy Corrigan	Carole Maxwell	Father Mike Schmied	

On October 20, 2007, the quarterly Parish Council Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Alberto Torres at 9:00 a.m.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Margaret led us in prayer and reflection. Members were broken up into groups to reflect on various questions to prepare us for the season of Advent.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

New members introduced themselves to the Council and current members introduced themselves to new members.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Chris Corrigan gave a presentation on the possible changes coming to Parishes due to the shortage of priests. Some churches have 1.5 priests, with the .5 being a retired priest. Every parish must review their number of masses and attendance with a long range view of changing, consolidating, and expanding in light of the numbers of priests available. Daily masses are different. A census was taken during the summer and the numbers are very low. If we don't decide on how we want to consolidate the masses, the diocesan will decide for us. Our input was given to the diocese in May. There will be meetings on this issue on January 25, 2008 at St. Joseph's and February 19, 2008 at St. Gabriel's.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Bunny and Vic Owen advised the Time and Talent Catalogue will be updated in English and the final review will be in January. "Experience talks" will be given on February 10th at the 5:30 pm mass, February 17th at the 9:00 am mass and February 24th at the 11:00 am mass. Help is needed from the Hispanic community. These talks are only 1-2 minutes long and everything needs to be lined up in December.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Vic will come up with a format for quarterly reports to be done by all Standing Committees. These reports should have budget information and major items. The Finance Council deals with the money. Are committee budgets reviewed by anyone? Some Committees could have more money at a certain time of year because certain projects have not been completed.

BY-LAWS

Changes need to be made to the second page of the By-Laws and they will be sent to each member of Council and also placed on the church's web page.

PHASE II – BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee has met twice. The Council was given a list of these members. There is a sub-committee looking at space needs. These spaces' needs have to be justified. We need to be able to explain these needs to the Diocese in order to justify the mortgage. It was asked what committee would deal with the maintenance of the building. This is part of Buildings and Grounds. Phase II will be educational and office space. The current education space may be converted to office space and the new building may be the education classrooms. This has not been decided as of this meeting. The Building Committee meetings are January 9, February 13, March 12 and April 9, 2007.

RETREAT INFORMATION

Angy gave us dates and costs for the upcoming Council retreat, which will be held at Chanco on February 15th and 16th.

DISCERNMENT UPDATE

Discernment will be held January 22, 2008 from 7:00 pm – 9 pm. Maryann Fighera will be our facilitator. We will discern a Chairperson, Vice Chair and a Communications Officer to make sure current information is placed on the church's website. A State of the Parish was discussed. This will be a way to let the parish know what we are doing and we are not all about money.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA: A RESOURCE FOR PARISH PLANNING

We watched a video related to The Church in America. Members of the church can go to the following web page for more information: www.nlrcm.org.

Our next meeting will be held on March 8, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Mierzwa, Secretary