

**Church of St Monica
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
February 16, 2012**

In Attendance: Fr Scott Shaffer, Cheryl Bottega, Jackie Wilson, Vic Poretti, Bob Dippold, Barbara Rookey, Alice Stephens, John Burnetsky, Linda Thompson, Bette Hromiko, Eric Perucki, Olmedo Restrepo, and Liz Hills.

Facilitator: Eric Perucki

Opening Prayer: Fr Scott Shaffer

Consensus on the minutes from January 5, 2012 meeting

Spanish Community Update - Olmedo Restrepo

Following events placed on parish calendar:

03/31/12 - Children's Palm Workshop, 05/19/12 Blood Drive 9 am - 3 pm, 08/26/12 Spanish Festival and 12/09/12 Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In tracking 12:00 Mass attendance, there is a 20% increase for the month of January this year when compared to January last year.

Old Business/Reports

Liturgy Committee Update - Barbara Rookey

The committee met on 01/19/12. They're in the process of compiling information for a liturgical ministries handbook. The next meeting is 02/29/12

01/14/12 Soup Supper Update - Linda Thompson

Food donations and a total of \$96 was received in free will offerings. There was plenty of soup, rolls and salad available.

02/03/12 Italian Dinner Update - Linda Thompson

Over 190 attended. 15 tickets were sold at the door and the rest were advance sales. Offering the discounted tickets if purchased before the event worked out well, allowed for better planning and the purchase of food. (Advance Ticket prices: \$10 - adults, \$5 - children 10 and under and children 5 yrs or younger free. Tickets purchased at the door \$15 - adults, \$8 - children 10 and under and children 5 yrs or younger free.) The River Pointe community had a table of 39. There were 17 volunteer meatball makers and enough food. Leftover trays (2) of meatballs and bread were donated to Tent City in Lakewood. The winner of 50/50 took home \$290 and the winner of the gift basket was Edith Fein (donated by the Guarnieris).

Recap of proceeds and expenses:

Receipts \$2,028.00

Expenses \$ 668.88

Proceeds \$1,359.12

It was determined the proceeds from this event would go to the parish. Financially we're just breaking even. In addition, Parish Council will determine how proceeds will be disbursed going forward. Next year, start up funds prior to the event will be provided toward the expenses. New

volunteers are needed to get involved next year. Also possibly change venue to a larger facility. St Aloysius cafeteria was suggested where tables and chairs are already set up and the kitchen facilities are available.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update (Fr Scott)

Goal	\$18,000
Pledges to Date	\$ 8,195
Paid Pledges	\$ 4,600
Donors	37

Appeal was presented at all Masses on Jan 21 - 22. Fr Scott indicated we should be closer to our goal. Appeal will continue to be announced and placed in bulletin. Fr Scott also noted Bishop O'Connell underwent the surgery for cancer of his nose and so far, all looks good.

New Business

Outreach and Evangelization (Barbara Rookey)

Barbara had previously stated she would work on Adult Education for Lent; however, the speakers are not available. Focus on outreach at St. Monica moves forward -- A bilingual blog is in the making. Barbara provided a nice demo of "And With Your Spirit"

www.andwithyourspirit2.blogspot.com to the group. William and Verena Soto are assisting with the information in Spanish. Reflections on the Readings (alternating from English to Spanish weekly) will be posted, and includes links. Individuals may post comments and post on Facebook and Twitter (@StMonicaParish). Our parish website www.saintmonica.com also links to the blog.

Used Cell Phone Fundraiser (Fr Scott)

Fr Scott discussed a used cell phone fundraiser from Pace Butler Corp. Parish Council agreed to proceed and to publish in our bulletin.

Open Forum

Alice Stephens - Stop N Shop will donate turkeys, hams and Easter baskets. Information will be provided to Social Concerns.

Prayer Chain - Jackie Wilson interested in beginning a prayer chain. As requests are submitted, she will review and create email list requesting prayers. St Aloysius has a prayer basket where anyone may fill out on paper their intention before Mass and at the offertory the basket is brought forward to the altar. Intentions at St Monica may be requested via: Mass Intentions, Prayer Chain, Bulletin - Please Pray For, or Prayer Intentions Book located in the church.

Fr Scott traveled to Chicago for three days to attend a symposium at the Mundelein Conference center which was funded by the Lilly Foundation. He was requested to attend with two others from the diocese. The symposium included a study of Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership. It was very interesting, happy to take part in it, good experiences. Discussions included multiple parishes -- more than one parish per pastor and merged parishes.

Jackie Wilson read an article in The Monitor regarding the distribution of the Holy Eucharist outside of Mass. Tuesday Eucharistic Prayer Service held without a priest should not distribute the Holy Eucharist. Fr Scott stated holding these services is irregular without a priest and will address it with the group. Mid-week or First Friday Mass could be offered again.

Fr Scott commented on rumors regarding his leaving. He hasn't heard anything. The Bishop determines priest assignments officially announced at the Chrism Mass, which takes place April 2nd this year. He intends to stay. Normally, the pastor is assigned to a parish for six years. At the end of that time, the pastor decides on whether they wish to stay or go to another parish. Fr Scott is coming up on twelve years as pastor. (12 yrs at St Als and 11 yrs at St Monica)

The next meeting is scheduled for Mar 28, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Bob Dippold is our facilitator.

Meeting concluded in prayer.