



**Saint Pius the Tenth
Parish Council Minutes
March 26, 2012**

*"It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing."
Mother Teresa*

Present: Fr. George, Fr. Dave, George Perkins, Betty Tormey, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Steve Sozanski, Michelle Crowley, Jean Kelly, Maureen Bach, Matt MacKecknie, and Rosemary Akin.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Barbara Fitzpatrick.

Minutes from the previous meeting accepted as submitted.

Proposal to contact the Stewardship Committee before moving ahead with organization of the various parish ministries to be present in the narthex during all the Sunday masses (Joe Daly and Barbara Fitzpatrick)
Parish ministries should be limited to one per Sunday as DYECH is selling food certificates each weekend. During the summer, the tables could be set up outside to accommodate two or three ministries. All entrances should be covered by the ministries. Will be discussed again at the April meeting. The announcement in the Sunday bulletin introducing the represented parish ministry should vary from week to week to peak curiosity.
The May 6th breakfast plans: Councilors greet the parishioners and guests as they enter the hall. Since people come and go it was suggested there be three open ended questions offered to the people by the various council members. Fr. Dave, Maureen Bach, and George Perkins will work on formulating the questions. Michelle Crowley will craft a large poster for the hall foyer stating the parish council needs your assistance.
Fr. George news: The church will be ready for Palm Sunday with the first Mass being celebrated at 16:00 on Saturday. The finish work is beautiful and anything that could be recycled was recycled. Fr. George offered a tour after the meeting.
It is customary for the parish ministries to be represented at the washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday service. Joe Daly will represent the Parish council.

New Business:

Steve Sozanski offered the need to improve communication on the parish level. There should be sub-committees to continue the work between council meetings. Social media is expanding and Saint Pius should

consider other ways to reach out to the parishioners: Facebook, emails, blogs, expanded parish website.

Maybe a Public Relations person(s) could coordinate sending news articles to the Anchor, help with the bulletin, and add different items to the website.

Corpus Christi parish website <http://corpuschrisitparish.org> has links to other Catholic websites that we may want to consider adding to our website. The parish also has a link to recent photos of parish events and updates on their seminarian.

Suggestion to survey other parishes on how they reach out to their parishioners – to be discussed in April.

A Communication Committee was established to look into ways to expand how we communicate within the parish. Members are; Steve Sozanski (chairperson), Michelle Crowley, Maureen Bach, and Rosemary Akin. The sub-committee will report during the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45 after a closing prayer offered by Barbara Fitzpatrick.

After the meeting, Father George met the members at the church for a tour of the beautiful renovations.

Submitted by: Rosemary Akin