

**St. Augustine Catholic Church  
Parish Council Meeting  
October 20, 2007**

Angy Acosta  
Katharine Anderson  
Chris Corrigan  
Bunny Fitzpatrick

Carole Maxwell  
Paula Mierzwa  
Vic Owens  
Father Mike Schmied

Alberto Torres  
Margaret Warren  
Rosalia West

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

**PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Bunny Fitzpatrick led us in prayer and reflection. Members were asked to share gifts that each of us brings to the table.

**HISPANIC COMMITTEE**

Father Mike advised the Council that the Hispanic Committee has been suspended until further notice because of dysfunction within the committee leadership. The Chair resigned and several members have resigned from the committee as well as the parish. Father Mike wrote a letter to everyone on this committee suspending this committee at this time with plans to reorganize in the new year.

**PHASE II BUILDING COMMITTEE**

A letter is going out to eight (8) people to serve on the Building Committee. Caroline Honings and Eileen Brown staff representatives and other members are Fred Howland (Chair), Lucy Gray, Donna Guza, Andy Kushma, Dick Thackston, Vic Owen, George Bergara, Charles Gregory and Alberto Torres. We have \$130,000 in the building fund. We have about \$300,000 in hand to start our next phase. Our volunteer parishioners consultant is John Birowski. The first meeting will be Tuesday night, October 23, 2007.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Bunny advised that training for Liturgical Ministers will be held on November 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Their retreat was October 8. People have to participate in the training in order to serve. They are preparing a training video for those who cannot attend the November meeting. However, they must still attend a face-to-face meeting. Some problems occurred because some Hispanic participants could not read or write. This problem must be worked on.

## **DISCERNMENT**

Discernment of new members for PPC will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. We need to discern seven (7) members into Council: 3 one year term and 4 two year terms. There is a list of candidates before Council and a letter will go out to these parishioners.

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Changes were made to the Constitution and By-Laws and approved by Council. These will be sent to each member of Council as a draft and also placed on the church's web page.

## **A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND**

Chris Corrigan and Alberto Torres updated Council on the planning process coming for the Richmond Diocese. Some parishes are operating at 40% capacity. We are in local planning area 13 with nine (9) parishes and 10 priests and 9800 active members. The number of parishioners is expected to grow, but the number of priests is going down. Therefore, it is expected that some parishes will share a priest, some masses schedules will be rearranged and one priest could be responsible for more than one parish. Chris, Alberto, and Father Mike will be our official representatives at the first Central Vicariate planning meeting at St. Michael Church on November 3, 2007.

## **JUSTICE & PEACE PRESENTATION**

Dotty Bedard and Carmen Williams gave a presentation to Council on the work of Justice & Peace Committee regarding immigration. Lots of good information was presented and questions were asked by Council. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dotty.

Our next meeting will be held on December 1, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Mierzwa, Secretary