

# **Saint Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church – Payson Az.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 13, 2009**

**Attending:** Mary Fitzpatrick – Sodality  
Quinn Cremer – (K of C)  
Phyllis Hall  
Robert Closs – (SVDP)  
Shirley McGeary  
Jan Parsons – (recording secretary; ex-officio)  
Jim Bridges  
Robert Muggli  
Jim Carroll – (ex-officio)  
Judy Carroll  
Fr. William Gyure

**Absent:** Angela Torres

The Parish Council Meeting of May 13, 2009 was called to order at 6:00 P.M.  
Fr. Bill opened the meeting with a prayer.  
Fr. Bill announced that we had a quorum.

The first order of business was to appoint a secretary. Jan Parsons was nominated to serve as recording secretary and she accepted the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Next on the agenda was the Faith, Hope and Charity campaign report. Fr. Bill announced that our rebate was in the amount of approximately \$16,800 for both St. Philip parish and the Young mission. Young contributed 8% of the monies thus their portion of the rebate would go to their account and that would be approximately \$1,300.

Fr. Bill went on to explain that the Bishop wants an accounting of how this money is used in a regular report.

He went on to explain that during his absence, a committee was formed and they sent a letter to the parishioners who had not yet contributed to the campaign with some information as to how the rebate would be distributed. The letter indicated

that the monies would be used to continue to develop the missions in Young and Tonto Basin and to provide new floor coverings in the Parish Hall.

Fr. Bill explained that the missions develop themselves. As to the floor coverings – the water table sometimes rises through the concrete shrinking and expanding the tiles. The existing tiles are fine. Replacing them would only cause the new ones to expand and contract.

It was suggested that the new case statement for the use of the money include new shingles for the garage and the old St. Vincent de Paul office. The finance committee had entertained bids for this purpose and Whaley roofing came in lower than the other bids at \$1,800. Additionally, they offered to donate their labor.

Also included in the case statement would be hiring a paving company to seal cracks in the north and south parking lots. The approximate cost is \$2,500.00. Finally, it was suggested that the grass be replaced with decomposed granite at the signage at the road. Approximate cost is \$2,400.00.

The remainder of the money will be restricted, deposited in the bank account and used for future capital improvement projects.

Bob Closs made a motion to rescind the previous case statement and replace it with the new case statement replacing the roofing, cracks in the parking lot and signage landscaping. Quinn seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Robert Muggli made a motion that the remaining rebate money and any future rebate monies be restricted for future parish capital improvement projects and that it be deposited into our bank account. Bob Closs seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. It was suggested that the finance council take a look at this motion for their concurrence.

Father Bill explained that after the Board of Directors meet and concur, we will announce the intention to the parishioners.

Next on the agenda was the parish web site.

Joe Motola developed a website – [www.stphilippayson.org](http://www.stphilippayson.org) – the website contains the charter for councils; members of all committees and the minutes of all the meetings in the parish.

Also in an effort to further expand communications, we will be using the signage on St. Philip St. to advertise socially and liturgically. In other words, the sign will announce social events going on in the parish as well as the weekly theme for the Mass.

Next item on the agenda was Liturgical issues.

Camp Geronimo (a Boy Scout camp in the Rim Country) has requested that the parish provide communion service during the months of June and July. The deacons will be providing this service. The Cub Scout camp will be cared for by Deacon Ed Burgin and a Eucharistic Minister during June 2009.

Planning is underway for Thanksgiving festivities. SVDP will be conducting a food drive. We will provide Thanksgiving dinner in the parish hall and will provide dinner for the homebound.

Lenten Penance Service 2009 was the best attended it has ever been.

Approximately 150 people attended. We had 9 priests and the service took 2 hours and 20 minutes.

## **REPORTS:**

**SVDP** - St. Vincent's only fund raiser of the year is a golf tournament and this year they raised \$7,000.00 – this money will be used to pay for operating expenses.

Kiwanis donated money as do 5 churches (other denominations) here in Rim Country.

St. Paul's is having a yard sale and SVDP will get 30% of the revenues.

Bob Closs reported that due to the economy the number of families coming to the food bank has doubled. Bob gave a run down of the source of food bank funds.

Fr. Bill noted that St. Phil's has doubled their donation.

Bob also reported that the post office food drive yielded less amount of food than last year.

Jim Carroll expressed concern that the food bank is now open on Wednesday and that will conflict with the summer school agenda from a safe environment aspect.

Bob indicated that he would be willing to change the hours of operation on Wednesday starting in the fall.

## **K of C:**

Quinn reported that the K of C is currently 54 strong; they had 5 new members this year.

On 4/26 – 82 parishioners attended the pancake breakfast.

They ran an organ donor campaign only 2 applications were filled out.

Winner of the raffle will be announced on 5/16

Gross sales were \$1,342.00. The council gives 50% to designated recipients; they designated St. Phil's as a recipient and they will receive \$671.00.

Two scholarship recipients will receive \$500 each. The names will be announced in the bulletin this weekend.

The Super Bowl party was a great success.

In the future, the K of C would like to do more breakfasts if they can get enough help. They will tap their squires (youth) They would like to have themes for future breakfasts (i.e. June would be Fr.'s Day, August – Back to School etc.)

Also, the Knights would like to have a dinner and dance in the future.

One of the Knights suggested that on the Moses Memorial “Respect Life” be added.

Finally, the Knights expressed their appreciation for all of the support they receive from St. Philip's parish and from Fr. Bill.

### **Mystical Rose Sodality:**

Mary Fitzpatrick gave a brief report.

She reported that in November the Sodality has a craft and bake sale.

She reported that the shrine is open and the gift shop now has a credit card machine.

Sodality also provided the dalmatic and the garments for the deacons.

They also provided the Lenten booklets.

The next item on the agenda was future plans.

Fr. Bill suggested that the parish should stagger campaign requests. The finance committee suggested and approved the following:

That there only be four campaign collections per year.

Peter's Pence in June

Diocesan School in September

Priest Retirement in December

Catholic Relief Services in March

There will also be collections for St. Ann's Mission twice a year in July and November; and collections will occur four times a year on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays for SVDP.

A motion was made by Quinn to accept the finance committee's recommendation for the campaign collections, seconded by Phyllis. Motion unanimously approved.

Discussion was held about the Moses memorial. Detail regarding structure and cost was discussed. Closs indicated his approval but indicated that he wanted more detail.

## **RELIGIOUS ED:**

(SEE ATTACHED REPORT)

Minutes of the Special Budget meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Philips were read. Minutes of the Finance Committee were read.

Finally, Bob Muggli suggested that we publish the monthly amount collected vs. the monthly amount collected last year in the bulletin.

At our next meeting, we will address the election of a chairperson to head this council.

Bob Closs made motion that the meeting be adjourned. Robert Muggli seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 24 p.m.