

Parish Council Minutes January 19, 2010

Members Present: Father Steve, Sue McGinnis, David Ellis, Sharon Coogan, Bob Craig, Julie Garvin, Santo Carfora, Carol Roherty, Kathy Clanfield, Art Castro, Mary Lynn Fox

Members Absent: Tom Imhoff,

Parish Council discussed an article entitled *The Horizontal Dimension*, which is an excerpt from John Allen Jr.'s [The Future Church: How Ten Trends Are Changing the Catholic Church](#). In this article Allen asserts that real change in the Catholic Church begins at the grass roots.

Minutes of the December meeting were passed.

#### Status Reports

School –Julie Garvin reported that a golf outing is being planned to support the Tuition Assistance Program. Santo asked if Global Solidarity had ever been adapted into the school curriculum. Julie said it has never really materialized.

Faith Formation—Julie Garvin is the new K-5 Religious Education contact person.

Heather Rude is the new grades 6-12 contact person. According to Tom Imhoff, Confirmation preparation couldn't be better.

Finance –Kathy Clanfield reviewed the finance report with the parish council.

Community Building—Art Castro reminded the council that the next New Parishioner Coffee will be held on Feb. 14, after 10:30 Mass, in the Church Hall.

GIFTS—David Ellis pointed out that 2 years ago the GIFTS program was accepted cautiously by many parish groups including, the school. But Dave has seen the school, in particular, embrace the opportunity of serving the homeless by providing so many services to the GIFTS program. Dave expressed much gratitude to the school community. Julie gave Dave a monetary gift made by a St Mary student to the GIFTS program. This student asked friends at his birthday party to bring donations to GIFTS instead of presents for him. In a card the council thanked the student for his kindness and generosity.

Evangelization—Carol Roherty reported that Hospice would like brochures placed in the Church vestibule. Father agreed to put them there.

Pastor's Report—Father and an interview team have begun to interview candidates for the Director of Pastoral Outreach position. Father believes that the position will be filled during this semester.

Next Meeting: Feb. 16, 6:30, Nativity House