

Highlights of January 14, 2010 Parish Council Meeting

The December 10/09 minutes were approved with one correction re the replacing of the East side front elevator door.

In business arising from the minutes, it was noted that we have yet to be contacted regarding the waterfront restoration project, Al Masse reported that the Pastoral Plan flow sheet has been updated and forwarded to the Diocese for inclusion on its website, and since Fr. Mike was on vacation discussion about the upcoming meeting for Prayer & Reflection would be discussed with our Pastor at the February meeting.

Rebecca Bondy reported that the Youth Group resumed on January 7/10 with various plans and activities being pursued. Bishop LaRocque attended the last Confirmation session and spoke about Adoration. Reconciliation and First Communion forms have been sent home through the schools.

Joseph Helou reported that preparations for the mass of Confirmation are underway. They are also preparing for the upcoming session for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

Al Masse presented the November and December 2009 financial reports. The parish has paid about \$78,000.00 toward the restoration in 2009.

Doris Monforton, on behalf of the Altar Society, presented a written report. It is noted that new altar cloths will be ready for Deacon Patrick Beneteau's Ordination Mass on April 25, 2010. Parishioners are reminded that the yearly Card Parties will be starting on February 21/10 for 5 consecutive weeks.

Stuart Bertram, Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, reported that the committee continues looking at ideas and is working to oversee the fundraising efforts of the parish. With all committees working together, work and efforts are minimized to ensure happy parishioners and the future of our parish. Store Card sales and the sale of Memorial Stones have contributed significantly to parish income. A lot of thanks go to our volunteers. More volunteers are always needed.

L'École Mgr. Caron reported that January was a very busy month for the school. Family Winter Carnival is scheduled for January 23 and everyone is invited.

New Business: A workshop on the new norms for Parish Pastoral Councils will be held on February 2/10. Bishop Fabbro has sent a letter of invitation. Donald Petrozzi, Tina Dufault and Al Masse will be attending. Al Masse updated everyone on the plans for Deacon Patrick Beneteau's ordination in April. The St. Joseph Altar Society has volunteered to organize a wine and cheese reception on April 25, 2010. An informal dinner will be held on May 8, 2010, open to all parishioners, with advance tickets available at the Store Card Table before and after all Masses. Al Masse will be arranging a meeting in February to co-ordinate these plans. CPR training was discussed.

The Town of Amherstburg has sent the parish a letter regarding the outcome of the Lottery License Eligibility Review. The parish is eligible to conduct lotteries and the proceeds may be used for many direct and indirect parish expenses. Monies raised by committees under their lottery license will be spent as per their goals and objectives, and not for parish operating expenses.

Please Note: Everyone using the parish kitchen facilities is reminded that it is mandatory that hairnets and gloves be used at **all** times when preparing and serving food. There is no exception to this Health Department regulation.

The inside temperature has been raised to 65 degrees. We are asked to keep the interior doors closed in order to keep the heat in the church.

Al Masse provided a closing prayer and blessing.

Next Meeting is March 11, 2010. All parishioners are welcome to attend.