

**O.L.M.M. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11/17/09 - MINUTES**

**PRESENT: FATHER CALLAN, JACK DUMAS, JOE PRINZAVALLI, SANDY ABBE, BERNIE MORAN, KATHY PANZAVECCHIA, MOREEN CAREY, VIN TORTI, LIZ MURDY, JIM CAVANAGH. EXCUSED ABSENCE: JUDI BENZ, GEORGE HEARN  
ABSENT: MARTY NESTER**

**JACK DUMAS OPENED THE MEETING AT SEVEN WITH SIX WORDS TO THINK/MEDITATE ABOUT "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER"**

**LITURGY REPORT VIN TORTI GAVE A VERY DETAILED AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. WE ARE GOING TO "RITUALIZE THE RITUALS", AS THEY ARE PRACTICED IN MOST OTHER PARISHES. WE ARE TRYING TO STANDARDIZE THE PRACTICE OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH. VIN SAID PEOPLE WILL PAY PROFOUND ATTENTION TO THE CHANGE. THERE IS A MEETING OF PARISH MINISTERS ON THURSDAY EVENING 11/19/09, THIRTY PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. VIN GAVE HANDOUT OF SCHEDULE AND OVERVIEW OF WHAT THEY WANT TO ACCOMPLISH. VIN EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE AND THAT OF THE PARISH FOR THE VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS OF JIM JOYCE AND JOE VOLKER OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS. THEIR GENEROSITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. VIN AND HIS WIFE SANDY DONATED THE MEDALS TO BE WORN BY THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. THANK YOU!**

**FAVORS TO NEIGHBORS IT WAS SUGGESTED TO INVITE JANICE O'CALLAGHAN AND CATHLEEN DRISCOLL (CO-CHAIRS) TO THE NEXT MEETING ON DECEMBER 15, 2009.**

**LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS JACK DUMAS GAVE A REPORT ON THE VERY POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE TWO GROUPS THAT MET UNDER THE DIRECTION OF VIN TORTI / JUDY PIETROPINTO AND JACK DUMAS /MARY MC AULEY. PARTICIPANTS FOUND THEIR TOP FIVE STRENGTHS OF A POSSIBLE THIRTY FOUR. THE GROUPS GAVE THEMSELVES THE NAMES "PARISH POSSIBILITIES" AND "GATHERERS". THE TEXT WAS VERY HELPFUL AND THE EXPERIENCE, OVERALL, WAS VERY, VERY POSITIVE. IT SHOWED THE BEST WAY TO PRAY, GROW AND LEARN.**

**YOUTH PROGRAM SANDY ABBE GAVE A VERY COMPLETE AND EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC REPORT ON DIFFERENT IDEAS AND CONCEPTS FOR THE START OF THE YOUTH MINISTRY. TIME DECIDED WAS FRIDAY EVENINGS 6-8P.M. OR 7-9P.M. SANDY WILL CHECK WITH JUDI BENZ TO COORDINATE WITH REC CENTER CALENDAR GRADE LEVEL DECIDED WAS 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. NAME OF GROUP WILL BE DECIDED BY THE GROUP. PARENTS OR CAREGIVERS MUST VOLUNTEER FOR SUPERVISION. A LIVELY DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS IDEAS ...DANCE, SPORTS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WERE EXCHANGED THE FIRST PROJECT PRESENTED AND APPROVED WAS A CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING / CAROLLING CELEBRATION. TO TAKE PLACE IN THE GROTTO ON DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>. A VERY POSITIVE WAY TO INTRODUCE AND ADVERTISE THE YOUTH PROGRAM..**

**WELCOME BROCHURE A FEW ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS WERE ADDED TO THE COMPLETED BROCHURE DRAFT.**

**FATHER CALLAN POINTED OUT TWO NOTICES OF SPECIAL INTEREST FIRST A PROGRAM FROM THE D.R.V. ON WELCOMING PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS THE SECOND A MOBILE CARDIAC UNIT FROM ST. FRANCES HOSPITAL. KATHY PANZAVECCHIA WILL RESEARCH BOTH AREAS OF INTEREST**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**FATHER CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8:40 P.M. WITH THE "OUR FATHER"**