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**St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday; November 14, 2005**

Greetings everyone

Participants: Tom Seagrave Pastor
Jerry Donnellan, Chair
Edward Walls, Minute Recorder
Marie Eitz, Werner Schmidt, Lynette Castiglione, Judy Laxen, Muriel Scala, Liz McLoughlin
Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Jerry Donnellan. Muriel Scala gave opening prayer.

Minutes: The council approved the October 17th minutes to be submitted as final for the record.

Welcome back Liz

Issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

Correction to October 17th minutes, council accepted Nancy McDonald's recommendation not to have a religious speaker during Lent.

NEW BUSINESS -

Commendation from Tom and the Council to the organizers of the Crafts Faire and Bake Sale held last weekend, over \$1,200.00 raised for the Parish. Thank you to Judy Puccini, Judy Laxen and Janice Mortenson (organizers).

Ben Sanchez and Mike Watson have volunteered to spearhead the new parish people finder.

Discussed the idea of Susan Fox and Paula Zimmerman might want to share the mailing list data base with Ben and Mike. Jerry commented, anyone who thinks of it please e-mail Susan and Paula with the suggestion.

Liz gave a wonderful presentation on her lap top computer her design and information ready to be posted on the SJoG web-site, including pictures. Discussed posting information for each Council member, this would include a picture of the member unless the member asks not to have it posted. Liz asked for current telephone and e-mail address for each member, paper passed around for information. Liz stated she would maintain the web-site, but needs backup in the event she is not able to do, ask for volunteers. Judy Piccini and Judy Laxen volunteered have already signed up. Anyone else interested can contact Liz. The current information will be posted by the next council meeting, December 12th.

Jerry passed out updated priority list and asked if the list was the way to go. Marie discussed with being more flexible with the list, Tom stated we could periodically compare the list to our Mission statement.

Discussed the progress of the Program and Ministry Guide, being worked on by Judy Laxen, asked by Tom if possible to have it complete by Christmas. Since many more of the Parish Community attend these Masses it would be nice to have it ready by then. Judy commented she would work on the Guide with Christmas as the target date. Discussed which Ministry would begin the Ministry of the Month program. Questions and discussions if this was the way to go, perhaps get feedback from the Ministry contact. Judy stated she could present this idea when asking the Ministry contact for the current information. Muriel stated she would be willing to help. Judy also recommended posting the Monthly Ministry on a bulletin board. It was suggested by Tom to post this information on a bulletin board located on the entrance doors. Tom and Jerry thought perhaps Ben Sanchez and Kay Cavanaugh might be willing to help put up a bulletin board for this.

Discussion of the top priority, Transform Christian Ethics and Values into Action, how the council could encourage the Parish members to put this in their daily lives? Commented the second collection is a motivation to ethics. Marie, how about putting together a thought for the week or month? Members felt this was a good idea, who would put this together, Marie and Lynette agreed to work together on this.

The date set for the Council members to be presented to the Parish

will begin with the 4:15 Mass on December 10th. Tom will introduce the members after the gospel with a short assessment of the council by Jerry. This will be done on December 18th at the 9:30 and 11:15 Mass. Sorry Werner and Liz will not be present on those dates and Tom will present them at another Mass.

Tom's corner –

Our Parish is in good shape with attendance being up and active participation. For a Parish of our size the congregation has responded very generously to victims of the tsunami and hurricanes. This was also shown by the Parish response to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Although the Hospital Ministry can use volunteers, there are always good people to replace the good people who move on. When the need is there the Parish steps forward, just feels the Parish is spiritually stronger. Until next month ----

**St. John of God
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Monday; December 12, 2005**

Greetings everyone

Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor
Jerry Donnellan, Chair
Edward Walls, Minute Recorder
Lynette Castiglione, Judy Laxen, Muriel Scala, Liz McLoughlin, Melissa Humi, Marlene Olivencia

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Jerry Donnellan, and gave opening prayer.

Minutes: The council approved the November 14th minutes to be submitted as final for the record.

Welcome back Marlene.

Issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

Council agreed to postpone council introduction until end of January, due to some members being out of town for the Christmas season. Introduction scheduled for all Masses; January 28th, 4:15PM, January 29th 9:30AM and 11:30AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

The up-coming ministry of the month will be posted on the SJoG web-site. Beginning each month a short two minute presentation will be given about the ministry of the month. Also, a short summary will be posted on the web-site. If anyone has thoughts or ideas concerning the SJoG ministries, please contact any parish council members, or Tom.

Photos of the parish council members will be posted on the SJoG web-site, this will be a group photo. If anyone would prefer not to have

their photo published please contact Liz, web-master. Jerry will give the council introduction at the introduction Masses.

PARISH EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

Since the disappearance of Jerry Tang concerns over the parish response to emergency situations were presented. Although members of the parish did respond to request to help with the search Jerry thought the response to help could be more immediate.

The idea of having an e-mail and telephone alert system was discussed. This would work on the idea of someone hearing about a parish member emergency and alerting other members through e-mail or by telephone for those who do not have e-mail.

Tom requested Jerry write a letter to Joyce Tang with our thoughts and prayers, and offering our help in areas she made need help with. Jerry's picture will be posted on the SJoG web-site along with links to the rescue site.

Welcoming new members each Sunday helps people the opportunity to get to know each other. Discussed the idea of re-instating 'name tag Sunday', thought this was a good idea. Ministry input will also help people meet each other. Continuing to minister to each other, thus learning the needs of each other, people have different needs at different times.

The prayer list in the Sunday bulleting should be continued and monitoring it to assure it is current. Discussed forming a group of about 7 parish members, they would be in constant vigil to hearing if anyone in the parish is sick or needs immediate help and alert the parish council. By having the information as soon as possible it gives us the opportunity to act immediately. A list of names was put together, but Tom felt this need further discussion. We all agreed and the list was postponed.

TOM'S CORNER

Pass out the ministry books on January 28 and 29 after the Mass when the Parish Council is introduced.

Find we loose track of parish members who move away, we could form a mailing list to keep in touch.

The Christmas party was reassuring and it was a great time for people

to really get to know one another. The over all consensus, a great time was had by one and all. The youth group did a great job in decorating the hall and outside rails. Many thanks.

Until we meet again ---