

**St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday; January 09, 2006**

Greetings everyone

Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor
Jerry Donnellan, Chair
Edward Walls, Minute Recorder
Liz McLoughlin, Werner Schmidt, Marlene Olivencia

Dorle Gross, Elaine Blair and Anne O'Leary attended at the request of Jerry Donnellan to share their ideas and experience with ministering to one another.

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Jerry Donnellan.

Opening prayer given by Marlene Olivencia

Minutes: The council approved the December 12th minutes to be submitted as final for the record.

Issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

Council agreed upon a list of persons to stay alert and notify the council concerning a crisis or emergency with a member of St. John of God. The seven people are, Elaine Blair, Janice Mortenson, Marlene Olivencia, Judy I, Anne O'Leary, Cindy Connay, Elizabeth Obermeyer and Ben Sanchez. The individuals need to contact and permission obtained prior to this being put into action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Post a list of city resources or services on St. John of God website. The council discussed forming a referral list to help individuals seeking public or private services such as legal assistance, auto mechanic, dentist, health care, schools, etc. Another suggestion is to have a small scale board where individuals who provide these services post their business card. Making the parish members aware this referral service is available.

The council discussed having a prayer vigil for Jerry Tang. We would like to discuss this further for a time and date. This would show great support for his family.

A large portion of the meeting was used to go over the rough draft of the Ministry Guide submitted by Judy I. Judy was absent due to illness Anne O'Leary volunteered to take notes on the guide and contact Judy with changes, additions and/or corrections. Thank you Anne.

Thank you to Dorle, Elaine and Anne for attending the meeting and their input.

Tom's Corner –

Make a note for our pancake breakfast Sunday, Feb 26th.
The St. Patrick's Day party will be Saturday, March 18th.
A "thank you" to Judy for the work on the Ministry Guide.

Until we meet again ---

St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2006

Greetings everyone

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Jerry Donnellan.

Opening prayer given by Liz McLoughlin

Minutes: The council approved the January 9 minutes to be submitted as final for the record.

Issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

St. Patrick's Day party: suggestions and discussion on how to best estimate the number of people attending, agreed to use the number of tickets sold. The ticket purchase price is \$5.00 per adult and \$1.00 for those eighteen and under. We still would like additional input from Werner to assure all the volunteer workers and those attending are coordinated.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:

Religious Youth Instruction (RYI), formerly (CCD) is scheduled for the end of April. Nancy McDonald will present this Ministry.

NEW BUSINESS:

Homily; we recognize the Ministry of the Month is presented to the parish at one Saturday and Sunday Mass, but feel we should be sensitive of not taking time away from the homily.

Lent Series; reminder the Friday Lent soup/scripture is schedule to begin the first Friday in March. Following the suppers Dr. Patrick O'Halloran agreed to give a series of talks. Dr. O'Halloran will give a pre-Lent presentation the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday.

Monthly quotes, ideas of placing the monthly quotes in the Sunday bulletin, as a note the Monthly Ministry will have their own web page.

Jerry Tang and family, work out the details to set-up a prayer schedule chart to remember them.

Parish awareness, there are times when someone in our Parish Community is ill, having surgery or lost a member of their family. We discussed on how a council member could be notified so we would be able to send a card.

Scripture classes, think it is a good idea to bring back Rev. Tom's scripture classes, possibly the fall of 2006.

Tom's Corner

The possibility of a spiritual retreat for the entire parish, sometime in the future, perhaps during Lent of 2007. An objective for the retreat would be marketing the idea to the parish, finding a location, inviting different voices to do the retreat, and a type of structure set-up for the retreat.

Tom would like everyone to try for more participation in the St. John of God Youth Group.

Until we meet again ---

St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2006

Greetings everyone

Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor (called to hospital for emergency, returned for last half-hour)

Jerry Donnellan, Chair

Judy Laxen, Minute Recorder (substituting for Edward Walls)

Lynette Castiglione, Marie Eitz, Liz McLoughlin,
Marlene Olivencia, Muriel Scala, Werner Schmidt,

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Jerry Donnellan.

Opening prayer given by Jerry Donnellan

Minutes: The council approved the February 13 minutes to be submitted as final for the record.

Issues:

OLD BUSINESS:

St. Patrick's Day party: The count is currently 100, based on those who signed up, however only 20 paid. Planning on 120 taking into account some people forgot to sign up and walk-ins. Pat O'Connor has stepped in to take charge of the food preparation. Pat and those who signed up to help her will be at the hall around 1pm to begin prepping the food. Deanne is picking up the decorations, and has arranged to have Irish music during the event. Ben and Werner are handling picking

up the beverages and working the bar. Believe it will be fun evening.

Ministry of the month: We all felt it was a good start with the hospital ministry, but wonder if it might be a mistake to postpone the presentations until after Easter. Important the parish is aware this is an on-going event. Perhaps make an announcement at the next Sunday Mass or place a notice in the bulletin the Ministry of the Month will continue after Easter, but noted it still appears on the web as a reminder.

Discussed the best time present the Ministry of the Month, at homily or after communion and limit the talk to 3-4 minutes. We don't think the parish is ready to have it presented after Mass.

Question on how the response was to the Hospital Ministry. Tom noted when he returned that of those who showed interest, 4 individuals signed up. Great response.

Sign for front of church: Ben Sanchez and Joe Cline are working on this. Muriel volunteered to follow up with them on the status. With this we would like to assure our web-site is up to-date. Liz assured it is and those from the council who viewed the site assured Jerry it is current. Liz did bring her computer and spent time later in the meeting showing us the site and reviewing all posted information. The current bulletin, minutes, Ministry Guide and any pictures she has of prior events.

As a note, the Council asked Judy to bring the Ministry Guide current. Judy commented she received updates and changes from Tom, who asked for more copies of the Guide. Liz stated she has many corrections. Judy asked if Liz would e-mail those to her, once the Guide is up-dated with corrections she will give a proof to each member of the council to review prior to having additional copies printed.

Soup & Scripture: The attendance is very good.

Monthly quotes: Asked if this was still moving forward. Lynette and Marie said they did want to do this, and will begin to work on quotes.

Jerry Tang: Cindy Conway volunteered to set-up a prayer schedule for Jerry and his family. It is in the planning stage, Marlene to check with Cindy regarding the status. Jerry commented the parish is paying for the food, inquired how long it would continue or if it is open end. On some occasions Louis is volunteering to pick up the food for the family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish awareness: Suggested there might be a need to have a Transportation Ministry. This is a follow up to the announcement made by Tom at the 9:30 Mass, asking if anyone would be able to pick Larry up when it rains. Also there might be a time when others need a ride to Mass or one of our events. When Tom returned from the hospital the subject was revisited. Tom asked if there is any council member that would be able to do this. Since there were no volunteers Tom stated he would do this.

Parking lot: Individuals who attend the 9:30 Mass find themselves blocked in the 11:30 Mass attendees. Although this problem arises from time to time we would like to find a solution that would work for all. Suggested we have cards (size of a postcard) printed and anyone who parks in the lot would put their name on it, the Mass they are attending and leave it on their dash board. Suggested it be done by only those who block the driveway, but to eliminate any misunderstanding it was decided to have everyone who parks in the lot to use the card.

Marlene will follow up on the design; Judy has a supply of post cards.

VW: Jerry inquired the status of selling the VW. Judy brought the council current stating she is working with Ben to sell the bus. Felt it should first be offered to the parish, had 5 very interested but in the end all have now passed on the purchase. Moving forward to placing a notice in the bulletin and on the internet, (craigslist). Judy to keep the council posted.

Church littering: Marlene stated a couple of weeks ago she found a used needle in the church, also photos, foods and other objects left in the church. We discussed on how to ask the parish to be aware of items left in the church. We will check with Tom on the best approach, maybe an announcement by Tom, placing in the bulletin or a separate notice.

Mandated seminar: Jerry asked if anyone who is a Ministry Director was approached by someone from the Diocese for an interview regarding the mandatory sexual abuse counseling. This applies to anyone who is involved with a Ministry with children and youths. Lynette stated she was approached.

Youth Ministry: Jerry asked Lynette if she had any ideas on how to encourage more youths to join the Ministry. Currently there are 4 members all within the same age group. Marlene stated to attract youths younger or older may be difficult because youths like to be around those of the same age. Lynette to check with the current members on their suggestions and thoughts.

There is a future trip being planned and another movie.

Web-site: Noted above Liz reviewed the web-site with us. Stated she is now able to update for nearly any location. Will

still schedule training time with Judy Piccini and Judy Laxen for back-up support. Jerry asked if there is a web-master should anyone have a question, there isn't.

*Reviewed the priority list 1 and 2 complete, move forward with -

Spiritual formation: Discussed the members of the council who have made the Cursillo, all but Liz and Werner have. Because Judy just attended her Cursillo Jerry asked for her reflection. Judy passed on her personal spiritual experience during the weekend and how it is now a part of her life.

Tom stated Cursillo is not for everyone. San Francisco has the only Ecuminical in the world. Joseph (Andy) Quiles a candidate has recently completed his Cursillo. Cursillo, focusing on God in our everyday lives and an acceptance of all.

*At this time Tom returned from his hospital visit. Jerry reviewed what the council discussed so far.

Parish Elect and Candidates: Marlene stated after the Candidates were introduced last Sunday she went out with them to get their feedback on their view of the parish. But because they are in the midst of their studies to receive the Sacraments this Easter they focused on the training. Marlene did feel the parish could be more welcome to new members. Tom to announce that during coffee hour current parish members invites new members to join their discussion.

*Melissa unable to attend because of a skiing accident. She did send an e-mail saying she injured her wrist but more concerned she may have fractured her check bone. Tom stated he thought he received a message she is doing fine.

Child abuse seminar: Jerry asked Tom if this is something the council should have an over sight in. Tom has hired Susan Collins, Visitation Valley, who also counsils couples in preparation for marriage. Tom stated she is highly qualified to conduct the abuse seminars, because he worked with her in the past, and does not believe there needs to be any oversight by the council.

Tom's Corner

Tom heard Father Labib is sick buit not sure of the seriousness or status. We would like to send a card so will check with Martha.

Deacon John is doing very well. He wanted to attend yerterday's Mass, but Tom convinced him to take the extra time for healing.

Tom stated he would be out of town Easter Saturday. Discussed which Pastor would be available to fill in when Tom is out of town.

Tom stated the reason he has not attended the Friday Soup & Scripture is because this is the only day he is able to take off. Everyone agreed Tom should have his day off and should not give this up.

Asked status of People Finder. Ben is working on it, Jerry to check progress. Liz is designing the cover.

Until we meet again ---

St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, April 10, 2006

Greetings everyone

Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor (called to hospital for emergency, returned for last segment)

Marlene Olivencia, Substitute Chair

Edward Walls, Minute Recorder

Marie Eitz, Judy Laxen, Susan Schneider, Muriel
Scala, Werner Schmidt,
Melissa Humi

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Marlene Olivencia.

Opening prayer given by Marlene.

Minutes: Council approved the March 13 minutes to be submitted as final for the record with the following corrections:

- Correct spelling of Liz's last name
- Marlene commented she was not the person who found a used needle in the chapel. Not sure who it was; asked to have this corrected and reference removed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Susan's first meeting since she returned to San Francisco.
Welcome back Susan!

Soup and scripture speaker Patrick O'Halloran thanked for his spiritual lectures, and meditation guidance. Tom mentioned he received mixed reviews and thought it might be a good idea to get feed back from those who attended. The idea of doing a

survey of the attendees presented, Tom thought this might be something Nancy could conduct. He will ask her.

Palm Sunday retreat at the Marin Headlands went extremely well. Although Tom could only attend for a short time, he commented the positive energy filled the room. We extended a huge "thank you", to Dave Takeuchi for planning and coordinating the retreat, and to Muriel and Cindy for leading the retreat.

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcoming committee, Ken, Kathy, and Luis with Jim McDonald attended to share their ideas and visions to improve the function of the Welcoming Committee to the council. They would like to present information to individuals attending Mass for the first time. Give the person a copy of the Ministry Guide, a brochure/flyer profiling the parish and a registration form. Jim asked Judy Laxen to create a brochure/flyer and registration. She will have it completed by the next meeting.

We all as parish members need to put forth a better effort to introduce ourselves to new attendees. Perhaps when Paul or Jerry asks those who are new to introduce themselves, could also mention there is material available from the Welcoming Committee about the parish community.

Luis commented parents need "spiritual" support in family matters. It would be helpful for parents, such as him, if there was a group in which they could share similar problems or experiences. An example is, children entering puberty or how divorce was handled in the family unit. Melissa agreed.

Youth Group Ministry, William and Brenna, with coordinator Lynette, presented the Archdiocese youth summer job program. They would like to advertise in the Sunday bulletin. The jobs range from gardening, babysitting, house or pet sitting, tutoring, etc. The headquarters for the summer job program is the Sunset Westside Center under the guidance of the Archdiocese. The person looking for someone would call in the job to the Center and they would match the job to the youth member. The Center is then responsible to collect the funds and make payment to the youth member.

Disaster plan meeting (follow up on the e-mail from Paula and Jerry) held at the Boys and Girls Club, for district 5, was attended by Marlene. This is a program the Mayor is actively backing as it brings each neighborhood into the master disaster plan. The program is well organized and very much needed but did not know of anyone who would be able to donate time for the long extensive training. This is the same type of program Diane Rivera attended last year and handed out information material at our last Fall Festival. The class is three (3) Saturdays for 8 hours a day, or six weeks (one weekday) at 3 hours each session. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27 at the Boys and Girls Club in the Haight at 6:30P.M.

Priority #3, Ministering to each other discussed, suggesting the Parish Council initiate a list of resources be made available to those in the Community going through a crisis.

Susan gave an account of how she was approached by Eucharistic ministers from the church her Mother attended and served her communion daily. Susan commented that at the time of her Mother's death members of this committee surrounded her with support, both with the planning of the funeral and the much needed spiritual support. Susan felt there should be

something of a similar nature at St. John of God. This is something for further discussion.

Tom's Corner:

Tom introduced the idea of having an open forum to discuss the illegal immigration issue. Because there is strong sentiment on both sides he believed it might be good to have a place for individuals to meet and discuss. Tom will speak with the Sanctuary Committee.

Until we meet again ---

St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, Sept 12, 2006

Greetings everyone ~ welcome back from summer vacation

Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor
Jerry Donnellan, Chair
Edward Walls, Minute Recorder
Marlene Olivencia, Marie Eitz, Muriel Scala, Werner Schmidt, Lynette Castiglione

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Jerry.

Opening prayer by Jerry

New Business:

Melissa Huml informed Jerry she is stepping down as a council member effective immediately. Melissa' oldest child begins school this year. We are sorry to see Melissa leave and extend a sincere "thank you" for serving on the council. >Best wishes to you, Melissa.

Community weekend was a big success, and lots of fun! We'd like to thank the Arab Catholic Community for their participation. To Werner for his dedication, the work and time put in to make this annual event so successful, we say "thank you, thank you".

The 40th anniversary of St. John of God will soon be upon us, January 24, 2007. A pot luck luncheon is planned for Saturday, January 20. We would like to incorporate into the anniversary celebration an acknowledgement of our parish Executive Assistants, past and present. Dorle Gross will organize a sub-committee with the help of volunteers Muriel and Marlene.

Tea time gathering suggested by Marie be given a thought. The gathering would be a time for parish members to meet, share thoughts and ideas.

Sanctuary Committee is the scheduled Ministry of the Month for the weekend of Sept 30. The committee will give presentations at all the Masses (Saturday and both on Sunday).

Proposed Dagbevi, a member of our choir and recently granted asylum in the U.S., give a presentation concerning his homeland. Marlene suggested we allow the Sanctuary Committee the opportunity to setup the date and time for the presentation. The committee would notify the council of the details for us to get the notice out. Jerry stated he would follow up with this.

Our homeless need help. We would like to develop ideas on how to truly assist the homeless in the up-coming year. A suggestion offered is to put Christmas packages together. Any and all ideas you may have are most welcome.

Women's Advocacy Group is scheduled to make their Ministry of the Month presentation sometime in January. The weekend is yet to be set.

Jerry Tang prayer chart presented by Jerry. Proposed a 24 hour vigil, but Jerry would first like to talk with Joyce regarding the prayer chart. Thank you Cindy for creating this brilliant chart, we are most grateful for your time and effort.

Our parish, Jerry requested the council focus the needs of the community. Outreach to invite more people to join our parish.

Lynette would like to see members of the Youth Group volunteer around the parish.

Tom's corner~~

Tom is pleased to see the parish council once again after the summer break.

Requested the "How can I show I care" handout be inserted into the bulletin.

Once the earthquake preparedness date is set, Tom will invite more people to participate. It is something we all should be informed and involved in.

Until we meet again ---

St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, October 9, 2006

Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor
Jerry Donnellan, Chair
Edward Walls, Minute Recorder
Marlene Olivencia, Muriel Scala, Werner Schmidt, Lynette Castiglione, Judy Laxen and
Judith Morrow (observing)

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM by Jerry.

Opening prayer by Jerry

Sept 11 minutes reviewed, approved and recorded. Copy to minute binder and posted on bulletin board in church entrance.

New Business:

Judith Morrow attended the meeting to consider becoming a council member.

Ministry, Sanctuary Committee, discussed their presentation this past Sunday. Rev. Tom commented he thought it was well presented and commented it might be a good idea to have a follow up from the members as to the feed back they received. This could be done at each of the next Sunday Masses. Judy Laxen volunteered to contact the Sanctuary Committee to present the idea.

The Council discussed on how we could be kept informed of Ministries activities. Marlene suggested we obtain copies of their minutes and keep these in a separate binder for easy access by the Council. The primary Ministries are; Eucharist, Liturgy, Finance and Sanctuary.

Council minutes, asked if the minutes are posted, making them available to the Parish. Once approved, a copy is placed in the binder kept in the office, copy posted on the bulletin board in the entrance to the church and a copy posted on the SJoG web-site. Our web-master, Liz, posts the minutes along with the weekly bulletin.

Parish council address list was requested by Jerry to be updated. Judy Laxen volunteered to update the list and bring to the next meeting.

Annual raffle will be held December 17 and tickets will soon be going on sale. Susan Fox and Carrie LaBriola asked the Councils' approval to proceed with plans for the raffle. Rev. Tom and the Council agreed plans should go forward for the raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the craft faire the weekend of November 18 & 19.

Christmas party date set for Saturday, December 9th. Werner will be unable to organize the event this year. The Youth Group organized and setup the hall last year with the help of Deanne Donnellan, but they are not available this year. We will ask the parish community for volunteers.

Anniversary celebration set for January 20, 2007 is going forward. Dorle Gross, Muriel Scala and Marlene Olivencia will be meeting to organize the evening. Since Dorle is out of town on vacation they will give an update at the next meeting.

A community dance proposed by Jerry and Werner. Discussed it would be a nice event for those who enjoy dancing, and those who like learning something new. Something along the same as the dancing at the community weekend; line dancing, fold music etc. Set a preliminary date of April 28.

Ministry Guide was updated this time last year. Judy Laxen suggested it be done on an annual basis, council agreed. She will make the announcement at the weekend Masses, asking anyone with a Ministry listed in the book wishing to make changes to contact her. The proposed date to receive changes is Nov 30, this will time to make the changes and have copies available during Christmas week.

Earthquake preparedness update given by Marlene. The first step is to be prepared individually and then our community. Diane Rivera will be hosting the NERT table at the craft faire with information for the individual. Since many of the parish members do not live in the neighborhood Marlene welcomes feedback on how our parish community will contribute. There is on going meetings at the 7th Avenue church and Marlene will keep us informed. A beginning will be to place information in the bulletin.

Community, Jerry presented the council with a question, "how may we build a stronger sense of community". Jerry suggested we think of an idea from the end perspective, at the end of our council season what would we like to have accomplished. Judith Morrow suggested parish members feel free to contact the council with their ideas.

VW bus, Rev. Tom and Jerry asked status of it being sold. Judy Laxen said she has a parish member very interested in it, but because of his work schedule he hasn't been able to check out the van. Judy is hoping they can get together this month and make a decision.

Tom's corner, a suggestion to place a flyer in the bulletin in regards to the Ministry of the Month. Jerry thought it might include an outline of how the Ministry signing up would proceed with their presentation to the parish. As Judy Laxen presented a sign up form and will put together an outline for the Ministry presentation. She will bring to the next meeting.

Tom noted the council has a very solid plan for an abundance of social events for the next few months.

Question presented if there was something going on in the hall on Thanksgiving. Rev. Tom commented the Walsh Family holds their Thanksgiving event in the hall. They have been doing this for the past several years.

Edward asked if the Catholic Worker Farm (Sheep Ranch) would be selling their candles this year for their fund raiser. Rev. Tom said he hadn't heard from them but would check with the Farm.

Rev. Tom asked the council to keep our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) in mind for anyone wishing to join.

Judith Morrow decided to become a member of the council. We are pleased and happy to welcome you as our new member. Judith gave the closing prayer.

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Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor
Jerry Donnellan, Chair
Edward Walls, Minute Recorder
Maria Eitz, Liz McLoughlin, Judy Laxen, Marlene Olivencia, and Judith Morrow,
Muriel Scala, Werner Schmidt,

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM by Jerry.

Opening prayer by Liz

Oct 9 minutes reviewed, approved and recorded. Copy to minute binder and posted on bulletin board in church entrance.

Old Business:

Community, Last month Jerry presented the council with a question, “how we build a stronger sense of community”. Jerry suggested we think of an idea from the end perspective, at the end of our council season what would we like to have accomplished. Hoped we are able to discuss further this evening.

Safety, Marlene this is an extremely important issue and would like to discuss this in detail at up coming meetings. Marlene feels the need for a policy to ensure the safety of the parish be initiated.

New Business:

Jerry Tangs', prayer vigil chart for the weekend of Nov 29, the day Jerry was reported missing, is nearly full. Marlene attended Masses to present the chart for anyone wishing to sign up for an hour at a time. The prayer vigil is 24 hours ending Sunday evening. Thank you Marlene for the hours of work you caringly put towards this prayer vigil.

Safety concerns expressed by Jerry because of children playing on the stage in the social hall, someone would fall into the stained glass window and be injured. A suggestion made to place a plexi-glass in front of the window for protection. One estimated already gotten is approximately \$400. Jerry will continue to follow up getting further estimates.

Marlene expressed another safety concern with the stage, that being someone could fall off. Rev. Tom and Jerry stated they felt it is the parents' responsibility to monitor their children playing on the stage.

Acolytes needed for all Masses. Marie Shaprio felt there is a lack of volunteers. Suggestion made Marie may wish to make an announcement after each of the weekend

Masses.

Judy Laxen suggested Marie might consider doing the Ministry of the Month to bring the shortage of acolytes to the attention of the parish. Rev. Tom stated he would approach Marie with the idea and would also make an announcement. Edward suggested we keep the issue active and continue to ask.

Jo Small underwent knee surgery a week ago, she is currently in an extended care facility for therapy. Rev. Tom stated she is in good spirits. Judy Laxen stated she talked with Jo and she is hoping to be released by this coming weekend. Our prayers are with Jo for a speedy recovery.

Liz is resigning from the council. Liz stated her business has her traveling more and more. Liz volunteered to maintain the web-site if acceptable by the council, "we would be very appreciative to Liz if she would continue". If she in San Francisco she will attend the January meeting. Thank you Liz for all your work, we will miss you.

Judith Morrow inquired as to the number of hits made to SJoG web-site. Liz stated at the present time there is no way of knowing this. Judy Laxen commented there is a counter you can add, Liz said she knows of this and will check into it.

Judith Morrow also inquired if the Parish Council By-Laws is posted on the web-site, a good suggestion. Werner had a copy with him and it was discussed if they should be updated. After discussion it was decided to keep the existing By-Laws.

Parish Christmas party progressing very well, Deanne has some very welcome help with organizing the party, most grateful to Ann, Elizabeth and Paul for their contribution.

40th anniversary party, Tom inquired if there is an update on the plans for the party. Muriel stated that since Dorle is in Germany on vacation they did not have an opportunity to meet. They will have a plan together to present at the next meeting.

Lynette and her quartet will perform at the event.

Marie suggested planting a tree in Golden Gate Park to celebrate the 40th. This would need to be checked into because of City permits.

Parish banner Jim McDonald has so diligently kept alive will soon become a reality. Rev. Tom stated Jim received City approval to display the banner during for our 40th anniversary.

Youth group update, Muriel asked on behalf of Lynette for any ideas of how to promote the Youth Group to the parish youth. Rev. Tom commented Lynette pretty much has carte blanche to promote activities that may spark an interest in our youth to join.

Design cover of bulletin, Ministry and People Finder Guides with a update of the parish church and hall sketch. Liz volunteered to look into a new design.

Parish visibility, Marlene believes we are still lacking visibility in our neighbor to attract new members. People attending the first or second time and in some cases a few months, but then stop attending. Question, what is lacking or what further can we do to hold new

members? Rev. Tom stated that in the past “name tag Sunday” be done and suggested we give this a try. Marlene suggested council members wear name tags. Jerry welcomes any suggestion on this.

Baptism and marriage recognition Sunday, suggested by Marie this might be something to consider. One Sunday a year is set aside to commemorate the baptism and marriage of the parish. Rev. Tom will discuss this with the Liturgy Committee.

Tom's Corner ~

Next Sunday at the 9:30 A.M. Mass we will celebrate the baptism from two families. Michelle O’Leary and her husband the baptism of their baby son, and Anna O’Leary and her husband with the baptism of their new baby girl and daughter (not previously baptized).

We are now in preparation time for the new Liturgical year.

Re-iterated the need for council members to be more visible in the parish and is open to ideas of how to promote this.

Discussed where the council would have the Christmas dinner, Marlene will be out of town for the December meeting. We voted to postpone the council dinner until January when Marlene is back in town.

Until we meet again...

St. John of God
Parish Council Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2006

Participants: Tom Seagrave, Pastor
Jerry Donnellan, Chair
Edward Walls, Minute Recorder
Maria Eitz, Judith Morrow, Muriel Scala, Werner Schmidt,
Guest, Mary Catte Opila

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM by Jerry.

Opening prayer by Edward

November 13 minutes reviewed, approved and recorded. Copy to minute binder and posted on bulletin board in church entrance.

Old Business:

Security/safety, discussion with regard to policies postponed until the January 8 meeting.

New Business:

40th anniversary event plans are progressing very well. To kick-off the celebrations, all former and current Office Administrators will be honored at the pot luck scheduled for Saturday, January 20 after the 4:15 pm Mass. Anyone wishing to help please contact one of the organizers, Dorle Gross, Marlene Olivencia or Muriel Scala.

The main celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 6.

Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 4 at 9:30 am. We are honored to have Archbishop Niederauer preside.

People Finder is complete and distributed by Ben Sanchez. Suggested we send a thank you note to Ben for his diligence in completing this not so easy task. Judith Morrow will follow through with the thank you note.

Christmas party was a wonderful success. Marie expressed feelings of how the spirit of the community was very present at the party. We are most thankful to all who organized and worked the event, and to those who attended.

Red Room renovation is steadily making progress. Ben Sanchez has put in many hours and welcomes anyone wishing to help out. If you can spare some time please contact Rev. Tom or Ben.

Rev. Tom suggested putting a TV in the room, but highly recommends it be secured to the floor or wall.

VW van, agreed to set a final date to dispose of it at the Jan 8 meeting.

Ministry of the month, Jerry reminded us to stay focused on the next presentation. Rev. Tom would like to see parish members go beyond the normal scheduled volunteering to seeking something though this year of the parish 40th Anniversary. An example would be to contact social groups to offer assistance. Werner volunteered to contact organizations, such as St. Vincent, Salvation Army etc., to inquire of their volunteer program.

Dinner council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6 at Villa Romano with the same hours 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Tom's corner:

He commends parish members who join together as a group for the movies, theater and restaurants. Encourages and hopes the young adults of the parish to do the same. Open to suggestions and ideas from parish members on what we can do as a parish, together.

Until we meet again