

**St. Raphael Parish Council -- Meeting Minutes (DeSalle)**

**January 20, 2014 - 7:30 PM**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>
Larry Boesch	Georgie Bricker
Ursula Boesch Sharon Carbonell	Claire Drummond
Patrick Coggins	Teri Dwyer
David DeSalle	John Piernikowski (Vice Chair)
Alfonso Dianderas	
Bo Fitzpatrick	
Dan Garges	
Ann Gleavy	
Fr. Agustin Lopez	
Fr. James Meyers	
Mayra Myers	
Marty Piper	
Karen Sachs (Chair) Kevin Muha	

1. Opening Prayer (Meyers)
2. Approval of November Minutes
3. Report: Adult Faith Formation (Muha):
  - Per bulletin, vibrant AFF with many activities and classes offered but small percentage of participation compared to overall number of parishioners
  - Goal: each parishioner participates in one AFF class
  - Need more facilitators and increased participation
4. Report: Parish Vocations (Sachs):
  - Discernment retreat
  - Lenten vocations tree project (pictures of seminarians and request for prayers per Office of Priest Vocations)--APPROVED
5. Report: Community Affairs (Piper):
  - Parish Thank You Celebration—on track to exceed last year’s headcount of 368 participants
6. Report: School (Dwyer--not attending; report deferred)

7. Report: Spanish Committee (Dianderas):

- Introduction and background
- Overview of community activities
- Invitation to Fr. Meyers to attend Spanish Committee meeting; recognition of Fr. Lopez for his continuing assistance

8. Report: Social Responsibility and Outreach (U. Boesch):

- March for Life 1/22 with bus to DC; Winter clothing drive 1/26; Lobby Night 2/17 with prep meeting 1/25; Bereavement group 2/6; St. Vincent De Paul empty bowls

9. Update: Papal Survey (Meyers)

- Thanks for logistical support, especially Ursula Boesch and Bo Fitzpatrick
- See article by Bishop Jackels of Dubuque, IA regarding survey
- St R had successful outreach and good level of response compared to many parishes; 52 responses

10. Update: Directory (Sachs)

- Tenacious emails from Nora Stephens pursuing information from vendor
- Vendor experiencing many problems and delays; uncertain when directory available

11. Other items

- (Carbonell)
  - EMHC issues: approx.. 20 new extraordinary ministers; still need more coverage for 6 and 10AM Masses; vote on suspension of offering of Precious Blood during flu season through April 20, per usual—APPROVED
  - Deacon Jose Carbonell starting program for divorced Catholics

12. Pastor's Remarks

- Mortgage Committee (Muha, et al.) formed
- Strong Christmas collection (\$215K versus budgeted \$95K in 2012)
- Next meeting—encyclical for all to read
- Input needed for Parish retreat speaker, next year's Lenten retreat

13. Next Meeting – Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm