

## **St Mark's Parish Council**

**January 4, 2010**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Fr. Joe, Jeff Culbert, Sharon Donovan, Meg Marino, Tom McCloud, Mary Scarda, Kevin O'Shea, Ed Parker, and Dave Woeste

- Opening prayer
- All PAC members present introduced themselves. The two new members were welcomed. Father Joe shared a spreadsheet denoting the term date for each of the 10 members of the 2010 Council.
- Father Joe reviewed an updated organization chart showing the staff and committees in the parish.
- Father Joe handed out copies of St Mark's Parish Advisory Council Constitution and By-Laws. Then Father Joe and Ed Parker reviewed the purpose of the Parish Advisory Council and the actions that were taken by the Council over the last two years. Ed will send the new members the finished critical issues spreadsheet from last year.
- Parish Finances – Father Joe reiterated that collections continue to fall significantly below the level needed to cover parish expenses. Father is working with the Diocese to develop programs to address this issue. In order to facilitate communication within the parish, Father has formed an ad hoc committee composed of fifteen parishioners representing parish staff, parish committees and active parishioners. Father Joe will meet with this group periodically starting January 24 to inform them of discussions and planned actions.
- St Michael's school support from St Mark's - Father Joe has been able to negotiate a \$100/yr assessment for the next three years.
- PAC meeting frequency was discussed. Rather than setting a fixed schedule such as every other month, it was decided that it is more desirable to have a flexible schedule. We will plan a meeting for the first Monday of every month for 2010 with the actual timing of the next meeting to be determined at the end of each meeting based on need.
- Next Meeting: Monday February 1, 2010 at 7:30 PM