

Minutes of the January 16, 2008 Parish Council Meeting Church of The Resurrection

In Attendance: Father Mark Hobson, Lisa Frey, Kathy Rinehart, Jane Hogan, Mark Hura, Mike Behnke, Sandy Patrick, Louise Cox, Murray Mayo

Absent: Terry Battaglia, Mary Ann Theby, John Shovary, Suzanne Horvath

1. Lisa Frey began the meeting with some thoughts from "*Attitudes Necessary For Mission Today*" by Carla Piette, M.M. The article outlined seven distinct attitudes: continuous learning; listening; half-failure; questioning; prayer; seeing oneself as a sinner; and poor. Each member picked one attitude and shared their thoughts.
2. A lengthy discussion on SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR took up the remainder of the meeting. Father Mark indicated that a committee has been formed to investigate potential long term connections with El Salvador. Father Mark told us of a village centered around a coffee co-op and the possible opportunities of hiring a teacher; obtaining school supplies and/or making improvements to their clean water system. The concept of a scholarship for the University of Central America in San Salvador, (a Jesuit University) was discussed.

The annual retreat at Our Lady of Peace was scheduled for Saturday, January 26 from 9:00a.m. to 12 noon. This would be an opportunity to explore possible future relationships with the Epiphany "cluster" parishes.

It was unanimously decided that Church of The Resurrection should advise the Thea Bowman Center that in the likely event that Epiphany Parish will close, we would re-direct our funds normally designated for Epiphany to Thea Bowman. All present felt this was an important step in maintaining our commitment to the inner city of Cleveland.

It was suggested that we learn more about the yearly financial requirements to keep Thea Bowman open and viable. This would be necessary information for both our parish and our cluster to know, in making future decisions.

Lisa Frey spoke about Advocacy as a way of promoting solidarity with the poor. She highlighted the excellent work being done by the Social Justice Commission. There was a brief discussion regarding how the money from the Charity and Justice envelope is distributed.

Jane Hogan explained how the New Life Community works by provided transitional housing, at the former St. Cecilia school, to homeless people. There are 14 bedrooms. A person must be 9 months clean and sober with possession of at least 1 child to gain admission. The individual and their child/children live there 4 months,

(rent free) and take classes on parenting skills, how to write a resume, job skills, etc... 95% of the residents leave with a job and permanent housing.

Our Lenten Mission, scheduled for February 17-18-19 (Sunday-Monday-Tuesday) was discussed. It will be lead by Father Joe Nangle, O.F.M., a former missionary in South America.

The Homeless Stand Down will take place on three separate dates at three different locations. On February 1 it will be at the Cleveland Convention Center in downtown Cleveland; on February 9 it will be in the Tremont neighborhood on the near west side of Cleveland; and on February 18 it will be held in Trinity Cathedral in downtown Cleveland.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.