

**Saint Catherine of Siena  
Parish Council Meeting  
February 30, 2012**

Meeting called to order: 7:00PM

Attendance: Fr. Peter, Fr. Tom, E Caulfield, B Buck, W DuBose, D Dewing, K Smith, J Bailey

Guest: B Norris

Opening Prayer: Fr. Peter

Haiti: B. Norris presented an outline of her recent visit to Haiti-Dom Marie. She visited 6 different schools—Classrooms were very crowded with 60-70 children, poor ventilation. Teaching could be improved. Pre K ,143 children,very bad and tight conditions. Another building is available which would open up much needed room. The purchase price would be \$30K. Belle distributed pictures of the site. We continue to sponsor children at the school. The parish previously built a parish center which is now in poor condition. It could not be used for classroom space. It was suggested that Belle seek out someone who is familiar with grant writing to raise the \$30K. In addition, concerns were raised as to the ongoing costs i.e. teacher salaries, est. \$1000/mo., books and someone to oversee the project on a day to day basis .In addition the diocese in Haiti would have to be contacted. Belle will be pursuing these various avenues.

Committee Reports:

Education: 4 weeks to go for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade CCD's. Theme of the teaching is to address protecting God's children and soft touching. Children very responsive. Preparation was limited to short time frame for teach the teachers.

Confirmation: 63 students all passed their interviews and projects. 9<sup>th</sup> grade will present Stations of the Cross during Holy Week (living stations)

Soup & stations: scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

Women's Retreat: March 23 to 25, a one day retreat will be on that Sat, 8 to 10 PM. The retreat will be held at Villa Pauline, Mendham.

1<sup>st</sup> Communion: Apr. 28, Apr 29 ( Noon Mass ) and May 5<sup>th</sup>

Christian Advisory Council: family Communion held ( sold out ) The PA system has to be checked for clarity.

Vacation Bible School: Someone has volunteered to head up the program ( Jamie Meyers)

Liturgical:

Ushers: D Dewing asked if a notice could be printed in the bulletin asking everyone to straighten out the prayer cards at the end of Mass. 12 noon Mass no ushers were available.

Eucharistic Ministers: nothing

Altar Servers: one server still has to be trained and one new server still has to be assigned.

New Parishioners: Welcoming reception after the noon Mass on May 20<sup>th</sup>

Special Presentation: A catholic group that has been giving concerts at various parishes outlined their presentation. The concert addresses faith, Hope and Love to all age groups—Array of Hope is a wide ranging Christian live multimedia concert experience geared toward teens, young adults and families. It is a 2hr concert which has been widely received by many parishes. This presentation would be held potentially in the fall. Prior to a decision being made K Smith and D Dewing volunteered to attend a concert with some young adults to review the program. The producers are Mario Constable and Joe Gallata.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Peter

Next Meeting: Apr 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM