



## MULTIPARISH COOPERATIVE SERVICE GROUP

*They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest  
Psalm 107*

### **Minutes of Deanery Meeting** **St. John Vianney Parish, Sept. 14, 2007**

Present were:

**SFOA** - Rev. Msgr. John Sandersfeld, Rev. Loi Huynh, Willy Agbayani, Nickell Melo, Glenn Valcis

**MHT** - Rev. Eddie Samaniego, SJ, Ruben Solorio, Thess Alcantara

**SMG** - Rev. Msgr. Dominic Do, Rev. Randy Valenton, Victor Espinoza

**SJV** - Rev. Francisco Rios, Rev. Eddie Obero, Deacon Joe Alvarez, Idalia Willbanks, Linda Rokita,  
Raul Mendoza, David Cortese, Patricia Cruzet, Joe Kim, Tanya Rollins

**SPC** - Rev. Truyen Nguyen

**CTK** - Rev. Robert Brocato

**SBAPM** - Rev. Andrzej Salapata

**HC** - Rev. Firmo Mantovani

**OLG** - no representatives

Fr. Francisco Rios called the meeting to order at 10:45 am. Fr. Francisco led the opening prayer. Everybody present at that time introduced themselves and the parish they come from. Minutes of the June 6th meeting was e-mailed to the members but no one made copies.

#### **AGENDA DISCUSSION:**

Tom Fancher from EnerPower is a one-man crusade to let others know how to save dollars for communities especially the churches using solar installations at reduced price. He offers a free analysis; he just needs account details per gas and electricity bills. St. Catherine's is using it already.

Fr. John distributed a Memo from Ian Abell re: Talking Points concerning PV Solar Systems, Natural Gas Procurement & Electrical Rate Analysis.

Ruben Solorio of Catholic Charities encouraged member parishes to make use of the resources available from them like Elizabeth Lilly and her group. We can use them as a Resource Team for Advocacy, social justice and gospel reflection for priests. He suggested we have Lilly attend our Deanery meetings. He also distributed flyers on the 211 helpline in Santa Clara County that is in 140 languages 24/7 with live specialists and information updated daily. Handouts on the Catholic Charities' Social Policy Agenda 2007-2008 were given out too which gave a brief on the 5 broad goals of their Advocacy priorities namely: Campaign to Cut Poverty in Half by 2020, Immigration Reform, Access to Quality Education, Health Care Reform & Affordable Housing.

Fr. Walter Suarez and Victor Espinoza are in the ADA Steering Committee where the goal for next year is \$5.395 M which will be an 8-wk period entitled "Securing the Vision."

Fr. Eddie briefed the group of his recent meeting with Bob Serventi, DSJ CFO, about the huge debt of MHT in particular and other churches in the parish in general. Based on the DSJ budget, a



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certain fixed amount shall be required from member parishes and every year if the parish exceeds this fixed amount, the amount of increase shall lessen the parish's fixed amount each year until it goes down to zero which is ultimately the DSJ's goal for the future.

Fr. Rios will ask an audience with Bob Serventi to meet with Pastors, Administrators, Finance Councils on this matter as soon as possible.

Fr. Loi will e-mail Marriage Enrichment flyer and asks that responses/RSVP be sent by Oct.16th. The presentation is on Oct. 18 & 25 at St. Francis of Assisi at 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Fr. John gave out information on tape about Cancer Survival and pamphlet on SFOA Spirituality Programs '07-'08.

Linda Rokita reported on the recent Called & Gifted Workshop well attended by various representatives from different parishes totaling about 160 attendees. It was suggested that participants start Called & Gifted Workshops in their parishes with the help of the Committee. Two representatives from each parish can be trained as Discernment Coordinators/Facilitators. A report on the participants shall be sent to the various pastors.

Fr. Bill Minkel replaced Fr. Clair Orso in the Summit Committee.

Appreciation dinners for those who participated in the Capital Campaign are scheduled for Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and at St. John, the Baptist's Pavalkis Hall in Milpitas on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Pastors voiced a concern that all those who helped are invited. Gary Hawkins at the CFSCC has the list of those invited if anyone would like to confirm people from their parishes have been included.

Will Sousae presented some information about the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of which he has recently been appointed Director. This year marks the 125th Anniversary of Calvary Cemetery in San Jose and everyone is invited on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> to join in the celebration. Bishop McGrath will celebrate mass at Calvary on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Will, together with associate, Frances Leyerle distributed a list of some upcoming Workshops on various topics related to cemeteries that are available to parishioners.

Ruben Solorio, talked on the Youth Internship Program and said the cost for each parish in the Deanery will be \$1,500 for a total budget of \$15,000.

After all Agenda items were taken up, Fr. John Sandersfeld led the closing prayers. Lunch followed.

The next meeting in October TBA.