

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
CHURCH OF ST. RAYMOND  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mario Vega, Msgr. Graham, Father Brogan, Msgr. Stephen, Sr. Patricia, Sr. Mary Ann, Sr. Monica, Sr. Teresa, Peter Larkin, Margie Lorenzo, Paula Marin, Norma Wright, Cathy Ryall, Rosa Rifas, and Alison De Jesus

Chairman Mario Vega called the meeting to order. Sr. Teresa led the group in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

MARIO VEGA reported on the Archdiocesan Parish Council meeting. He made note of the Council's applause at the mention of the Cardinal elect's elevation to the College of Cardinals. A main concern of this Archdiocesan Council was the state of marriage in the Archdiocese.

MSGR.GRAHAM reported on the spiritual life of the parish - especially the sacramental life.

CATHY RYALL reported on the work of the Liturgy Committee during the year. Copies of these reports were given to the Council members.

THE CHAIRMAN suggested that each member of the Council take a few minutes to share with the group their ideas/concerns for the parish. Everyone responded with ideas, concerns, questions. Find ways to include the marginalized people among us; people need basic language skills; there are programs in the area already they should be looked into; we need to focus; there are many problems to be addressed. We can't take on all of them; involve other people in the work to be done; there is a problem with the time and energy needed for these programs on the part of the leaders and the participants.

From these concerns and ideas came the suggestion that perhaps the Parish Council members would welcome some training in the leadership required for this work. Our role is not to do all this, is it?

The meeting closed on a positive note.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday, March 26 at 7:30 pm in the Flynn Room.