

St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish Council
Summary of the October 20, 2014 meeting for the Parish Bulletin

The Council received updates from the Rural Food Program, the Liturgy Committee, Maintenance and Parish Finance. The Rural Food Program reports a 10% increase in clients over the past year and will be conducting another client survey in January 2015. Parish maintenance projects have included tree removal and curbing projects at St. Philip as well as adding gravel to the St. Teresa Parking lot. Foundation anchor bolts will be installed at St. Teresa Church as well as an earthquake shut-off valve for propane. Tree removal and paving projects are underway at the Parish Cemetery in Bodega. Fifty-five households participated in the Diocesan Capital Campaign that has met the campaign goal for St. Philip and St. Teresa.

In August the Council participated in a pastoral planning workshop that focused on the parish mission statement in order to set Council agenda for the coming year. Initially, the two focus areas were the recruitment and nurturing of volunteers and the diversity of the parish community. Initiatives that are being considered include the scheduling of "Ministry Sundays" in 2015 to highlight the various parish ministries and volunteer opportunities, recruiting and training of Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, and an annual volunteer appreciation event. The Council will be reviewing a proposal for the development of a Parish email list and Parish Directory as a way of strengthening communication among the Eucharistic communities of the parish.

The members of the St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish Council are Rod DeMartini (chair/secretary), Charles Bone, Elaine Fink, Edna Irving, Jim Komarek, Lou McCann, Ron Schultz and Kelly McCool (ex.off.). Please talk with any Council member about your concerns or questions or call the parish office if you would like to have a member of the Council contact you. All Council meetings are open and are held both at St. Philip Parish Hall and St. Teresa Church.

Next Council Meeting:
Monday, December 8
9:45-11:15 am, St. Philip Parish Hall