

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 27, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Herb Weber, Mark Peterson, Kim York, Amy Bachmeier, Andrea Cowell, Ken Perry, Deb Sandquist, Jim Firminger

EX OFFICIO Present: Father John Mitchell, Roseann Schoenherr, Katie Uremovich

INVOCATION

REVIEW OF JUNE MINUTES: Minutes were approved with minor corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

- Orientation for new parish council members.
- Clarification of “Review of Committee Reports” on agenda each month.
 - Only mention items that you need insight from the council on.
 - Liaisons should have 5 minutes on their committees agenda each month to ask if they have anything to bring to council for input.
- Discussion of how to handle ideas/suggestions/complaints from parishioners – it was decided to take the thoughts to the appropriate committee.
- Ken suggested to put the parish council members pictures on the website & have the ability to click on the picture to contact via email – will discuss further at September meeting.
- Herb reviewed the email parish council members receive prior to each meeting – read everything but it is not necessary to print the entire email.
 - Bring a copy to each meeting: agenda, previous meeting minutes, individual committee minutes if there is something of special interest or concern and our council roster.
 - Retain the agenda and meeting minutes for 1 year in your binder.
- Deb is switching from Christian Formation liaison to Social Ministry liaison.
- April 22nd, 2010 meeting – parish council members will share mass before hand at 6:30 PM.
- March 14th, 2010 – Parish Council to serve at donut Sunday.
- Review of upcoming meeting schedule and parish council roster.
- Father updated council on Archdiocesan Planning Process – council was given handouts.
 - A task force is working on finding a solution for what lies ahead: a decline in pastors, an increase in Catholic parishioners, an increase in diversity and financial struggles due to the economy.
 - In September and October there will be meetings for parishioners to give input – the 1st meeting is on September 15th at St. Peter in North St. Paul from 7-9 PM.
 - You can give your input by: attending a meeting, talking to your pastor, online , by phone or by letter.
 - The task force plans to do a lot of listening and take all suggestions into consideration. They hope to give suggestions to the Archbishop by the end of May 2010.
 - This will be discussed again at our September meeting.
- Deb explained an idea for a Tribute or Prayer Garden fundraiser idea.
 - People buy bricks engraved in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of someone or something.
 - Need to form a committee to get this project going.
 - Feedback from the council was positive.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fundraisers
 - Music Fest – will be on September 19th and include an indoor polka mass at 5PM, dinner in the parking lot by the Little Venetian Restaurant at 6PM and candy bar bingo at 7PM.
 - Sell tickets ahead but people can pay at the door.
 - Only need volunteers for set up, to take money and for clean up.
 - Not sure what to call it yet – maybe Family Fun Night.
 - Trunk of Treasure Sale
 - Went well – was rainy so was moved inside.
 - Had 18 vendors who paid \$30 each for a spot so it made \$540 minus the cost of an ad in the White Bear Press for about \$30.
 - Also made a little money by selling food at the sale.
 - The Faith Formation Department may sell hams for a fundraiser.
 - Kim to take two fundraiser ideas to Larry.
 - Antique Road Show
 - Jim is working on the details like how much to charge and what to call it.
 - Possibly have it in January.
 - Sell concessions at the event.
- Update of Capital Campaign 2010-13 planning
 - Having great results from current campaign.
 - Will have public meeting to communicate goals and request money right away for the new campaign.
 - More details to come at our September meeting.
- At September meeting the council will discuss how to make parish council member more visible to the entire parish.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance Committee – fiscal year ended on a good note & the council discussed briefly how to get more people to contribute financially.
- Building & Grounds Committee – Parking lot repair and sealant in 2010.
- Vocations Committee – we will be a teaching parish again starting this fall.
- School Advisory Committee – planning how to get parents to volunteer more hours. Herb mentioned that he really liked the mid-summer school update newsletter.
- Worship Committee – no report.
- Christian Formation Commission – no report.
- Social Ministry Commission – no report.
- Website – no report.
- Youth Group – no report.

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule was passed around for sign up.

Prayer for Father John

Next Meeting is September 24, 2009

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Bachmeier