

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 21, 2010 with corrections as of July 12, 2010

Present: Fr. Bill, Peggy Redfearn, Carol Cornejo, Dave Leifheit, John Haigh, Susan Boland, Jim Moe, Colleen Kechter, Barbie Boehme-Dechant, Rick Peltier,

Excused: John Merrill, John Ellgas, Paul Ritter, Candace Hughes, Don Dettor, Ellen Huck

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes from our May meeting were approved. Sue Boland, council vice-chair, led the meeting in the absence of John Ellgas

New Business

Welcome of New Members:

Carol Cornejo and Peggy Redfern were welcomed to the Parish Council. Each of the returning council members present introduced themselves to the new councilors. Candace was not able to attend this meeting, so we will welcome her at the August meeting. Colleen obtained the new member's e-mail addresses for the 2010-2011 Council directory.

Planning August Agenda and Role Discernment Process:

Typically, new council roles have been discerned at the June meeting. However, we agreed that this should be postponed to the August 16th meeting so that all council members would have an opportunity to participate in the discernment process. Sue Boland volunteered to put together the agenda for the August meeting and facilitate the meeting until a new chair is discerned.

Committee Leadership Discernment Plans:

We agreed to postpone the committee leadership discernment prayer to the September common meeting night since many committees do not plan to have an August meeting. Dave notified the Prayer & Worship Committee of this change. P&W will now do the opening prayer at the September meeting.

David Kenny Presentation:

David was not able to present this evening so this will be re-scheduled for the August meeting.

Administrative Reports

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Bill met with the new pastor of St. Rita, Fr. Kevin. Fr. Ken expressed interest in continuing our Christian Formation collaboration.

Fr. Bill attended the ad hoc priest district meeting (the group has not yet been officially reconstituted by Archbishop ListECKI). These issues were discussed at that meeting:

- Potential celebration of Bishop Sklba's retirement.
- The Sts. Paul/Rita/Sebastian collaborative proposal for CAR to focus on adult formation was discussed with a relatively positive outcome on support for that position.
- Review of the performance of the Catholic Cemetery's leadership.

Director's Report:

Colleen reported that a new group health plan for employees will be adopted by St. Paul. Parish Council approval was needed with a resolution signed by the Parish Council Chair. We agreed with the resolution for approval. Colleen will follow up with John Ellgas for the necessary signature. I will attach a copy of the resolution to the hard copy binder of this year's minutes.

Parish Council President Report:

Sue reported that John did have not anything to report at this meeting.

Committee Reports:

The Parish Council will discern committee liaison roles at the August meeting.

We discussed the structure of the common committee reports and periodic meetings. The key topics for review were:

- Committee Notes
 - Request that the notes be submitted electronically. The Parish office will continue to be the central point of contact. The committee liaisons should make this request at their next committee meeting.
 - Request that the notes be submitted within a reasonable time after the meeting. Currently, the notes are requested by the Thursday prior to the next parish council meeting so that they can be provided to the council members for review. A one week deadline might be difficult for some committees. Liaisons should remind the committee secretaries of the current deadline.
 - Should we share common committee minutes with all of the committees? Copies are provided to the committee chairs. Do we want to do more?
- Meeting schedule
 - Do meetings have to be monthly? No, but the committees should keep the parish office informed of their actual meeting schedule.
 - Do we need a common committee night? Yes, it is an ongoing reminder to the committees that they are part of a larger parish ministry and not just a stand alone assignment.
- Face-to-Face committee reviews with the Parish Council
 - It was proposed that we should have one committee come each month to the council meeting to review their activities and plans.

Old Business:

Parish Activity to Replace Picnic:

The Parish Activity committee is planning a Family Fun Day as an alternative to a parish picnic. The proposed date is August 15 and the plans for activities will include a run/walk as well as food and refreshments.

Reminder: Next meeting is August 16.

Proposed agenda topics:

- David Kenny presentation
- Role discernment
- Follow up on Parish Family Summer Fun Day
- Committee Structure / Discern Liaison Assignments
- Date for installation of Parish Council at Mass

Respectfully submitted by: David Leifheit