

**St. Paul the Apostle  
Parish Council Minutes**  
**Corrected as agreed in April 19, 2010, Council Review of Minutes**  
**March 15, 2010**

**Council Members Present:** Fr. Bill Dietzler, Ellen Huck, Barb Boehme-Dechant, John Ellgas, Colleen Kechter, John Haigh, Dave Leifheit, John Merrill, Jim Moe, Rick Peltier, and Don Dettor

**Excused:** Susan Boland, Paul Ritter

**Guest:** John Hinze, parish representative to CAR

The meeting began with an opening prayer by Barb Boehme-Dechant.

**Review and Approval of Council Minutes from September**

The January minutes were approved. The February notes were reviewed but they were not official since a quorum was not present at the February meeting.

**Administrative Reports**

**Fr. Bill's Report**

- Adult Ministry was one of the key needs discussed at the Tri-Parish Collaborative Pastors meeting. Our collaborative adult ministry position has been closed. The pastors reached consensus on an innovative proposal for having CAR provide support for our collaborative ministry based on their impression that CAR has been providing a strong adult ministry to the Racine district. A letter was sent to CAR asking them to consider this proposal and, if acceptable, respond to the collaborative on how they would meet Racine's need for an adult formation program. As part of the proposal, the pastors recommended that CAR shift its mission to focus primarily to adult ministry, leaving children's programs to the individual parishes.
- John Hinze said that the CAR board received the letter shortly before their last board meeting. They agreed to review the proposal and the parish representatives will discuss it further with their respective parish governance. John said that the board would need alignment and consensus from the member parishes before the proposal could be acted upon. However, the terms of the proposal did fit the current emphasis on adult ministry, so the proposal seemed workable. John will provide updates to Fr. Bill and the council as the CAR board proceeds with its review and discussions.

**Colleen's Report**

- The Job Fair was very well done. Colleen said that the organizers and volunteers should be congratulated.
- The Finance Committee met the previous Monday, March 8, and was able to complete their planned work on the budget. Finance expressed its appreciation to the other committee's for the good input they provided.

**Chairman's Report:**

- The Parish Council budget will not increase for the next fiscal year. The funding for "Parish Picnic" should be updated to indicate that funding is for a parish community event.

**Committee Reports (February & March)**

- Human Concerns – The Bag Drive to support community food banks was a great success. In order to improve pick up and handling of collected goods for future food drives, Human Concerns should provide the beneficiaries with an estimate of the size of the collection.
- Prayer & Worship – The tomb will not be set up this Easter because it is worn out and needs to be fixed or replaced. We agreed that that this should be noted in the bulletin that the tomb will not be out this year. Colleen said that she call Joan Walters to discuss plans for next Easter's display.

- Collaboration Committee Meeting – The attendance for these meetings has been spotty by all the collaborative partners. John Ellgas submitted that the council needs to consider what can be done to raise awareness of our parish committee meetings, in general, and encourage participation (for example, publish notice of meeting time, place, & objective in bulletin).
- Committee Chairman term limit discussion – John Ellgas also submitted for consideration the topic of committee chair term limits. This topic will be on the agenda for the April meeting. We agreed that the current term of one year is acceptable (i.e. new chairman is discerned at the beginning of each liturgical year) and that the discussion should be to determine if there should be a limit on how many total or consecutive terms that any individual committee member should serve.
- Vision 21 Committee – We have followed the practice of having the outgoing council chairman rotate on to the committee. John Ellgas is okay with this and will serve on that committee next year. We recommended that this committee have three non-administrative representatives, 2 regular and 1 substitute, to ensure that St. Paul is represented at each meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Fundraising Policy**

The council discussed Draft #6 and provided further input. John Ellgas will incorporate the input into Draft #7.

### **Engagement in Ministry**

No report on Engagement at this meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Election Committee**

- Council terms will be ending for John Ellgas, Rick Peltier, and Ellen Huck. They do not plan to run again at this time.
- The Parish Trustee Secretary position, currently held by Paul Ritter will also be on the ballot.
- John Ellgas, John Merrill, Jim Moe and Don Dettor agreed to serve on this year's election committee.

### **Parking in "No Parking / Firelane" Zones**

Barb Boehme-Dechant brought this issue to the council on behalf of the Building & Grounds committee.

- People are still parking in the curb lane during Mass on the week end even though the curbs are marked "No Parking / Firelane".
- We agreed that the next step is to put a polite written request to cease and desist on the scofflaws' windshields. Barb should discuss this with Al Polakowski (Usher coordinator) and Jerry Hipper first.

## **Next Meetings:**

### **Parish Council**

- **April 19 with opening prayer by Don Dettor.**
- Rick Peltier and Ellen Huck are excused from this meeting.

### **Common Committee Night**

- April 12 at 7:00PM with opening prayer by Prayer & Worship

Respectively submitted by Dave Leifheit