

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)**  
**April 22, 2007**

**Agenda:**

***1. Opening***

- Chairperson Renee Smith opened the meeting with a review of the minutes from the previous meeting which were accepted as written.

***2. Focus Item for Discernment: SJF Pastoral Planning Process***

- The Council generated a number of ideas for how to support the Commissions in the Pastoral Planning Process. The ideas were then reviewed, sorted, consolidated, and restated to insure best understanding of each proposed strategy. Each member was asked to “vote” using a dot exercise.
- There were three “actionable strategies” with a clear consensus:
  - Subject to further discussion and coordination with the Commission involved, the Council would offer to accept responsibility for the New Member Welcome meetings.
  - If the Commissions are interested, the Council will take responsibility for the coordination and sponsorship of a “Ministry Fair” (discussed in the previous joint PC/PT/Ministry meeting) to encourage more awareness and involvement in the Survey and our Ministries.
  - Each member would get directly involved in the follow up contacts and referrals generated by this year’s “Ministry Survey” in his/her respective liaison Commission.
- **The Council will submit the above strategies as part of the collection of “actionable strategies” for the upcoming (joint) Planning Process meeting next month.**

### *3. Updates*

- Fr. Jerry presented an updated plan for the modification and continuation of the GISC campaign to renovate the worship space of the Chapel. This subject has been a continuing item for discernment in recent meetings, and as a result of the most recent PC meeting discussions, and collaboration with the Campaign Committee and the Building Committee, a definitive plan has emerged which has the support of all groups and which will be presented starting the weekend of April 28-29.
- A recent survey of the Council indicated that some members wanted an explanation as to why SJF uses the CSA approach to managing building fund campaigns (e.g. GISC). Joe Pauwels – liaison to the Finance Ministry - presented the rationale with examples so that anyone asking can get a full explanation.
- Fr. Jerry presented the assumptions and projections currently being considered for preparation of the 2007/2008 budget. There will be more on this subject in upcoming meetings but he and the staff are currently looking to cut all unnecessary expenditures even as we face a continuing shortfall of contributions in this year's budget.
- Fr. Jerry also indicated the Pastoral Team has proposed that a “fresh look” at the Parish organizational plan be considered which contemplates how it relates to the various constituencies within the Parish. The Council supported such an approach with interest in how it might improve the relationship we have with the PT as well.

### *4. Liaison Communications*

- Lizz LaChance suggested some names of Youth Group members who might be interested in replacing her next year and offered some ideas on how to better utilize this unique representative position (which will be further discussed at a future meeting).
- Fabiola Tonna and Lew Elbert need some input from the Council for an upcoming PAV meeting. **In the interest of time, it was agreed that an E-Mail seeking the information would be sufficient.**

## ***5. Conclusion***

- **Members were asked to determine in the near future if they would be able to continue on the Council for next year, and if not to notify Fr. Jerry and/or Renee Smith of the decision.**
- **Members were asked to start thinking about replacement nominations for next year since there will be at least one required.**
- Renee Smith closed the meeting with assignments for the next meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Members absent: Molnar and Karr (excused)

Respectfully submitted,

Lew Elbert