

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
March 16, 2008

1. Opening

- Following the opening prayer led by Juli Kubicki, Lew Elbert reviewed this week's agenda and the minutes from the last meeting. There were no questions or changes to the minutes.

2. Focus Item for Discernment: Parish Priorities for 2008-2009

- Lew reviewed the process used to begin developing the parish priority for next year. Suggested priorities from the staff were collected, summarized and grouped and then reviewed at the March 7 staff meeting for further discernment.
- The PC reviewed and discussed the suggested priorities in detail. It was agreed that there should be one priority for the year and much of the time was spent looking for a common theme in the suggested priorities. In general, it was also agreed that the priority should be a "higher level" of the meaningful involvement focus of this year, with the emphasis being placed on "meaningful."
- Joe will develop the proposed priority wording and send it out to all PC members in a separate mailing.
- The priority will be finalized at the "All Staff" meeting on April 8.

3. Updates

- **Nominations for 2008-2009 Parish Council**
 - New PC member nominations were collected. Nine faith family members have agreed to their nomination; several others will be contacted over the next two weeks. This should generate a sufficient number of candidates to complete the selection process.
- **Revised Contribution Analysis**
 - The offertory contribution analysis was updated to include a summary by age group. As expected, the largest number of people donating and the highest average donation is from the 50 – 80 age groups.
 - Lew agreed to add Building Campaign donations to the analysis to determine the impact on the giving profile.
- **VPC Pastoral Care Report**
 - A pastoral care report was provided at the most recent Vicariate meeting. The study is currently very data focused. More detail will be available at a later date once the information is analyzed.
- **SJF Communications Committee**
 - Fr. Jerry reported that work continues to develop the objectives and strategies of the communication committee. The focus of this group will be communication, networking and volunteerism.

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- **New Parishioner Welcoming**

- Dairdre reported that there was only one new member at the March meeting.
- The next meeting is Thursday, May 1; Tom and Sheran will attend for the Parish Council. Joe or Dairdre will also attend because of their previous participation.

- **Preparations for “All Staff” Meeting**

- The “All Staff” meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 8 beginning at 6:00 PM. All PC members are encouraged to attend.
- The agenda will most likely be as follows:
 - Review the results of this year’s priority implementation
 - Finalize next year’s priority
 - Discuss / Finalize plans for the Time & Talent survey
 - Group discussion with individual commissions.
- Additional pre-planning will take place prior to the meeting, including a review with the SJF staff.

- **Liaison Communications**

- “Time & Talent Weekend” is currently planned for May 17 and 18.
- Sr. Mary Ann Dixon will be retiring in June. With her departure, rearrangement of the staff is being considered; her replacement for Family Faith Sharing will be Michelle Pittel.
- The parish “overview” power point presentation will be shown on Holy Thursday to demonstrate how we as St. John Fisher community members “wash each other’s feet.”

4. Upcoming Items, etc.

- **Five Year Planning**

- Five year planning will continue to be an item of discernment over the next several meetings.

5. Close

- Next Meeting: April 20th beginning at 11:30 AM.
Lunch – Sheran Tioran; Prayers – Paul Molnar
- Members Absent: Kim Dodd, Alison Pittel & Sheran Tioran (excused)

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Pauwels