

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
August 26, 2007

1. Commissioning

- The Parish Council was commissioned for the coming year at the 10:00 AM Mass. All members were in attendance. Following Mass, a group photo of the Parish Council was taken.

2. Introductions and Team Building Exercise

- Alison Pittel was introduced and welcomed as the new Youth Group representative.
- Each Council member introduced themselves and provided a brief summary of their background and “special” gifts they bring to the Parish Council.

3. Parish Council Retreat

- Nancy Clancy led a retreat focused on ministry. Specifically, much of the discussion centered on our “focus area” this year: Meaningful involvement and engagement of our Faith Family.
- The discussion of ministry dealt primarily with following questions:
 - What is ministry?
 - When and how were we as individuals called to ministry?
 - How do we encourage others to increase involvement in ministry?
 - How can we continue to improve our own ministry?
 - How do we see the Parish Council and what can we do to improve?

4. Closing Information

- Both the “Meeting Support Assignments” and the “Welcoming Schedule” were handed out.
- Council members were encouraged to use their notebooks to keep all documents organized.
- Fr. Jerry is leading a special meeting on September 11 at 7:00 PM in the Rochester Room to brainstorm the development of a communications strategy and a ministry to promote and manage volunteerism. PC members are welcome.
- A strategy has been developed to improve the financial situation of St. John Fisher. This strategy will be presented in more detail at a future meeting.
- A special thank you from the Council was expressed to Jan and Lew for making their home available for the day’s activities.
- Next Meeting: September 16 with the Parish Commission Leaders
 - Lunch - Tim Brisbois; Prayers – Tom Arwady

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Pauwels