

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
September 16, 2007

1. Opening

- Lew Elbert opened the meeting by welcoming the Commission Heads to our fall “joint” meeting. There will be a follow-up meeting in the spring.

2. Review of “Parish Life” PowerPoint Presentation

- The entire group viewed the “Parish Life” PowerPoint presentation put together by Laura Rangos. This presentation will be used for “New Member Welcoming” meetings.
- It was agreed that the presentation is very well done and should be used for more than new parishioner welcoming. Some ideas were suggested and will be explored. These ideas include showing the presentation as a “blessing” at Mass, showing it as part of a “Volunteer Fair,” and showing it after Mass in the Gathering Space.

3. Agenda Review, Minutes and General Business

- Joe Pauwels presented a brief summary of the August PC retreat focused on Ministry.
- There was a discussion of the New Member Welcoming meetings and the need for Parish Council member involvement. Kim Dodd and Joe Pauwels will attend the next session on October 4 and help with facilitation.
- A registration form was handed out for A Call To Serve (ACTS) training. This training will take place on Saturday, September 29 and will focus on the “What, Who and How of Ministry.” PC members are encouraged to attend.
- Alison Pittel provided the Youth Group report. The first Youth Group meeting of the year will take place tonight (9/16) with the primary discussion topic being development of the itinerary for the year. Alison mentioned that the objectives of the Youth Group are self-discovery and recognizing God in self and others.

4. Commission Head Reports

- Each of the Commission Heads reviewed highlights of a 2 page summary depicting their Commission’s activities / focus areas for the coming year. The presentations were as follows:
 - Faith Formation/Education – Fr. Jerry
 - Worship/Pastoral Care/Spirituality – Nancy Mason Bordley
 - Evangelization – Sue Buratto
 - Finance and Development – Paul Borucki
 - Campus and Young Adult – Lisa Brown
- The summaries were very well presented and received. Further dialog will take place between the Commission Heads and the Liaisons. There will also be more discussion at our joint meeting in the spring.
- Father Jerry challenged the Commission Heads to identify the number of new and total volunteers involved in their Commission.
- As part of this discussion, it was pointed out that we should provide a status of Parish “Time and Talent” as well as “Treasure” on Stewardship weekend.

5. PAV Report

- Kim reported that the Pontiac Area Vicariate (PAV) will be conducting a survey in all PAV parishes on the weekend of October 20. This survey will collect information regarding parishioner desires / expectations for pastoral care.

6. Open Forum and Administrative Details

- The Parish Leadership Conference is Scheduled for the week of October 13. PC members are to submit their names to Lew if they plan to attend.
- The PAV Assembly will take place on October 22. The focus area will be Catholic Outreach. PC members are encouraged to attend.
- Next Meeting: October 21 beginning at 11:30 AM
 - Lunch – Dairdre McGlothlin; Prayers – Allan Reynolds

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Pauwels