

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
November 18, 2007

1. Opening

- Following the opening prayer led by Renee Smith, Chairperson Lew Elbert reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for the meeting.
- Elbert announced two recent changes in Liaison assignments: Juli Kubicki to Worship/Pastoral Care/Spirituality, and Allan Reynolds to Finance/Development.

2. Focus Items for Discernment:

- PC member terms and rotation
 - Background: due to a number of factors in recent years, the Council representation has gotten “out of synch” in terms of regular rotation of members each year.
 - A variety of alternatives to remedy the situation were discussed, with the general conclusion that we need to maintain a balance of continuity with fresh ideas, and probably avoid turnover that exceeds 4 members in a given year.
 - Paul Molnar will send a copy of a partial plan he developed two years ago to Fr. Jerry and the Chairs to work on as they prepare a strategy for Council consideration early next year.
- Communications
 - Renee Smith will handle clarifications needed with the Hospitality ministry concerning our respective roles as welcomers
 - Fr. Jerry will resolve the issue of local businesses passing out promotional materials in the lobby
 - There was a general discussion about the level of readership the Bulletin receives within the Parish. There was general agreement that at least a cursory review of the various topics of interest is fairly high – especially with the new format that was introduced in the past year. It suggests that we pay a lot of attention to the “appeal” of the title we give to articles submitted.
 - Sheran Tioran reported on the special focus being given this year by the Evangelization Commission this year on the plight of the poor, and the need for the Council to be aware of this priority and possible connections and further involvement as we go forward.

3. Updates

- Finance
 - Allan Reynolds reported on the recent Finance Ministry meeting and the various issues they are working on related to this year's revenue strategy.
 - Elbert presented an approach to understanding seasonal budgeting and proposed a way that we can track progress this year.
 - There was a discussion around input for the Finance Ministry and the need for clarity as well as transparency in communications.
- Parish Incorporation: Elbert recently attended a training session for PC Chairpersons (and others) on the incorporation of Parishes by January, 2008. The change will not result in any significant change for our Parish.

5. Upcoming Items, etc.

- The next PAV Assembly is currently scheduled for April 29th, 2008 and will involve Bishop Flores and the three Vicariates assigned to him.
- The "All Staff" meeting on November 27 represents a good opportunity for PC members to meeting with all the key people of their assigned Commission. Elbert will send out a separate communication for headcount purposes.
- Plans were finalized for the "Christmas Social" (with the Parish staff) on December 2nd.
- The next Council Meeting will be on January 6th and we expect that Bishop Flores will be joining us.
 - Lunch: Arwady
 - Prayer: Tioran
- Members Absent: Pauwels and Pittel (excused)

Respectfully Submitted,
Lew Elbert