

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
September 21, 2008

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. Parish Council Retreat

- Nancy Mason Bordley led a retreat focused on ministry. Specifically, much of the discussion centered on our “focus area” this year: To break open and explore how being involved at SJF creates meaning in my/our life.
- Applying the premises from Ron Hunter & Michael E. Waddell’s *Toy Box Leadership: Leadership Lessons from the Toys You Loved as a Child*, the retreat dealt with the following topics:
 - What is meaningful about our own involvement at SJF?
 - When and how were we as individuals called to ministry?
 - What are the hallmarks of Parish Council Excellence?
 - What are the Best Practices of Parish Leadership?
 - How do we see SJF Parish Council and what can we do to improve?

3. PC Business Items

- The “Parish Council Meeting Schedule” was handed out and reviewed.
- Council members were encouraged to use their notebooks to keep all documents organized.
- Fr. Jerry invited Council members to attend the upcoming Pontiac Area Vicariate Fall 2008 Assembly which will include the presentation “Who is My Neighbor in the Light of the 2008 Elections?” The date is Mon, Oct 6, at Sacred Heart of the Hills. Flyers and registration forms will be forwarded to Council members.
- October PC meeting with PT/Comm/Staff will focus on our 2008-2009 parish priority and will provide the opportunity for PC members to meet with their commissions and report back to Council accordingly.
- Parish five-year plan will be a focus item this year. A good starting point is the Mission, Vision and Values established in 2001 and perhaps in need of an update.
- “Meeting Support Assignments” and the “Welcoming Schedule” were handed out and reviewed.
 - A reminder that the PC Article for the bulletin can make use of the PC meeting minutes with some personalization from the member. Include the member “signature” at the end of the article.
- Allan Reynolds provided an update on Electronic Giving
 - Once established, VANCO Associates will supervise and oversee the administration.

- Electronic Donation Authorization Form was reviewed and is yet to be determined who will receive the completed form.
- Pilot program being conducted during Oct, Nov and Dec and if successful, implementation is scheduled for Jan 2009.
- Question also arose regarding the recent letter to parishioners asking them to complete CSA pledges. It was decided the best way for individuals to determine the “owed” amount was to ask Paul Borucki.
- New Parish Member Welcoming was outlined. Meetings began at 8:00 pm in the Rochester Room and last approximately 45 minutes. The following are the dates and sign-ups thus far:
 - 10-07-08 Tuesday – Dairdre McGlothlin & MaryAnn Weller
 - 11-06-08 Thursday – Tim Brisbois & Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz
 - 01-08-09 Thursday
 - 03-03-09 Tuesday
 - 05-07-09 Thursday
- ACTS brochures were handed out and members encouraged to attend.

4. Closing

- The meeting closed with prayer led by Dairdre McGlothlin and members adjourned for dinner together at a local restaurant.
- Next Meeting: Oct 19 with the PT/Comm/Staff
 - Lunch – Sharon Tioran; Prayers – Allan Reynolds; PC Article – Jerry Bishop

Respectfully Submitted,
Dairdre McGlothlin