

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

1. Opening

- Following a light lunch and socialization Chairperson Joe Pauwels welcomed the PT/Comm/Staff to our fall joint meeting
- All PC members were in attendance except Juli Kubicki (excused)
- Allan Reynolds led the opening prayer

2. Commission Heads and Individual Liaisons Meet

- Reports from Commissions on “What meaning has your Commission/Ministry brought forth from “breaking open and exploring how being involved at SJF creates meaning in my/our life.”

3. Report-Out to Entire Group by Liaisons

- Finance and Development – Allan Reynolds - involvement and ownership in specific projects
- Worship/Spirituality/Pastoral Care – Jeanette Hojnacki – drawing people together, individual invitation and enthusiasm, connections and friendships, sustaining others through times of transition
- Faith Formation/Education - Tim Brisbois – part of a community/belonging, Eucharist to Confirmation connection and beyond – reinforcing and enhancing Catholic Christian identity
- Campus/Young Adult – Dairdre McGlothlin – can be Christ for one another, community of like and un-like minded come together in free and open dialogue, strive to reach out and meet diverse needs through focused CYA activities
- Evangelization - Sheran Tioran – bringing awareness to social and environmental issues, widespread support for the many ministries, sense of belonging, relationships formed

4. PC Business Items

- Strategy report-out follow-up discussion –Tim Brisbois handed out a form used by Faith Formation/Education which PC thought very helpful and would serve as a good template for further updates as individual liaisons meet with our commissions
 - Key points include current development, current challenge, and important to know for each of the ministries in the commission
 - PC will have opportunities to share these updates at upcoming meetings
- Re-envision Mission, Vision and Values – process development began
 - Present Mission, Vision and Values formulated 2001, updated with inclusive language 2006
 - Take this as a starting point

- Was formulated during the 2nd year of AOD and Vicariate “Together in Faith” which outlined areas for Sacrament, Strategic and Sustainable - Fr. Jerry will send this out electronically for review
- Need information about what process was utilized in the past
- Is important to reflect the “view from the pew” – how do we go about getting it?
- Church renovation/ temporary worship space update
 - During lighting renovation the combined Activities Center and Gathering Space will be used for worship on Nov 8-9 and Nov 15-16
 - Possibly 1 ½ week more may be needed and the temporary space may then extend to Nov 22-23
- Communication ministry – survey results
 - Fr. Jerry reported results thus far extremely positive
 - Need more feedback from bulletin, mailings and website participants
- PAV Assembly summary
 - Fall 2008 Assembly presentation “Who is My Neighbor in the Light of the 2008 Elections?”
 - Timely topic and well-attended
 - Good opportunity to interact with those in ministry from other parishes during break-out sessions
 - Next Assembly scheduled for Mar 23, 2009
- ACTS training report
 - Well done and very informative
 - Attendance not as good as hoped for
 - Believe it would be helpful for anyone wishing to serve, not just those already “signed up” - could be promoted as such

4. Closing

- Meeting closed with a group prayer
- Next Meeting: Nov 16
 - Lunch – Juli Kubicki; Prayers – Jeanette Hojnacki; PC Article – Tim Bribois

Respectfully Submitted,
Dairdre McGlothlin