

**Meeting Minutes**  
**St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)**  
**January 11, 2009**

**1. Opening**

- Following a breakfast snack and socialization Chairperson Joe Pauwels welcomed Public Relations/Communications/Volunteerism (PV/C/V) members and the Pastoral Team to our meeting
- All PC members were in attendance except Tim Brisbois and MaryAnn Weller (both excused)
- Individuals introduced themselves to the group
- Sharon Tioran led the opening prayer

**2. Special Report - Status of the Communications/Public Relations Ministry**

Agenda and PowerPoint presentation with handouts covered:

- PR/C/V Ministry History
- Mission and Vision of PR/C/V Ministry
- SJF “Informed and Engaged” Survey
- SJF “Informed and Engaged” Survey Findings
- Summary
- Discussion
  - i) PC saw that PR/C/V ministry could connect with commissions that need more volunteers and use their expertise to advise how to get parishioners more informed and engaged
  - ii) Focus of April 19 PC/PT/Comm/Staff joint meeting will be PR/C/V presentation as done today with additional information related to how they see their talents could be utilized

**3. Updates– following a review of the Agenda items, Nov 16, 2008 minutes were approved**

**a) Mission, Vision Values Project**

- Process Team of Fr. Jerry, Joe Pauwels, Lew Elbert, Jacques Pasquier, and Terry Nelson met several times in previous weeks and developed the plan, *SJF Parish Year of Renewal 2008-2009*. Handout provided.
- Plan met with strong approval
- Following are the plan’s key points along with related PC comments/recommendations:
  - i) Survey parishioners in mid-February 2009
    - (1) Questions will be related to the 8 Values currently published, Promulgated and proclaimed on Pentecost, Jun 2/3, 2001- Updated: Spring 2006
    - (2) May include a question intended to query for new values – new values may also develop as a result of speak-up groups

- (3) Paper form for survey and also provide e-mail and website links
- (4) Paper form done at end of Mass to allow ample time for completion
- (5) Best weekend to conduct survey is Feb 7/8 in order to provide timely analysis of results to Fr. Mike Crosby
- ii) SJF Week of Renewal with Fr. Mike Crosby – Lent 2009
- iii) Group Gatherings
  - (1) Pros and cons of three options raised
  - (2) Fall could be Option 1 and Spring Option 2
  - (3) Concluded this is an item for discernment at a future meeting
- iv) Revision of SJF Mission-Vision-Values (if needed) – Year of Renewal provides an understanding of the community today.
  - (a) Reminded to provide parishioners the opportunity for input
  - (b) Important to make parishioners aware how their involvement in the process contributed to the end result
- v) Develop 5 Year Plan – Fall 2010
- Next Steps are 1) develop and conduct survey 2) develop/finalize major points/deliverables to give to Fr. Crosby

#### b) Church Renovation – Final report

- Positive response from parishioners
- Completed project includes parts of Phase II
- Final cost will be approximately \$422K –this is \$160K-\$170K over budget due to handicap railings, asbestos floor removal, transition tile in front and back
- Approval from AOD for \$120K pledged by parishioners, but not collected – 3<sup>rd</sup> year ends Mar 31<sup>st</sup>

#### c) Electronic Giving

- Details related to special collections need worked out
- Plan is to make available mid-February

#### d) PAV

- PAV asked for input from PC on how well and what they are doing for the parish – item put on agenda for Feb meeting
- First time Vicariate Hispanic gathering to be held in June at SJF
  - i) would like a representative from each church - need one for SJF
  - ii) invitations need to go to schools, agencies, religious communities
  - iii) PC members to relay information at liaison meetings

### 4. Upcoming Items

- a) Young Adult Retreat (1/24) – Serve Dinner – Tom Arwady is attending Retreat and along with Jeanette Hojnacki will help coordinate and serve

- b) Archbishop Maida – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (1/25) – Fr. Jerry is attending and there are 4 additional invitations for SJF – RSVP must be in ASAP
- c) Parish Week of Renewal (3/21-3/26) – Fr. Mike Crosby (see above)
- d) PAV Leadership Assembly – St Benedict (3/23)
  - One of two assemblies each year to bring schools, parishes, agencies, institutions and others in the Vicariate together to focus on an important and timely issue
  - Fr. Mike Crosby, OFM will be featured speaker

Fr. Jerry distributed copies of *Pastoral Planning and Councils* from CHURCH Magazine, Winter 2008 and *SJF Criteria for Screen Use in Worship*, Implemented Fall 2008

#### **4. Closing**

- Meeting closed with a group prayer led by Sharon Tioran
- Next Meeting: Feb 15  
Snack – MaryAnn Weller; Prayers – Laura Borroni-Bird; PC Article – Allan Reynolds

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dairdre McGlothlin