

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
February 15, 2009
Corrected (02-18-2009)

1. Opening

- Following brunch and socialization, Vice-chair Dairdre McGlothlin began the meeting, postponing the opening prayer until arrival of latecomers.
- Parish council members in attendance included; Dairdre McGlothlin, Allan Reynolds, Jerry Bishop, Sheran Tioran, MaryAnn Weller, Juli Kubicki, Jeanette Hojnacki, and Erica Garcia.
- Absent members included; Joe Pauwels, Tom Arwady, Tim Brisbois, Laura Borroni-Bird, and Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz.
- Upon review of the minutes of the January 11, 2009 meeting, Dairdre McGlothlin called attention to a correction involving the cost of the chapel renovation project. Dairdre stated that she will append the minutes of 1/11/09 and send the corrected edition to all PC members.

2. Process Team Meeting

- The Process Team met on Jan 30, 2009 to discuss the upcoming *St. John Fisher Year of Renewal*.
- Parish Week of Renewal (3/21-3/26) will be used as the springboard for the St. John Fisher Year of Renewal.
- Throughout the year of renewal, parish leadership will be looking at our Mission, Vision, and Values, making changes and developing a new 5-year plan based on input from the parish. Input may be gathered by:
 - Focus/small groups, with a tentative plan for three sessions to occur in the fall of 2009 and an additional three occurring during the Lenten season of 2010 to complete the Year of Renewal.
 - A survey to be completed following the week of renewal.
 - Discussion on how to make parishioners feel comfortable enough to join included ideas that following Mass there could be a speaker with discussion or that group facilitators could be chosen first.
 - A recent article by Fr. Crosby on the theme of "A Faith to Believe In" which provided insights into community needs
- Fr. Jerry concluded by saying that the Process Team using input from PT and PC hopes to have a more complete report after the April 3 meeting.

3. Pastoral Concerns

Fr. Jerry reported that:

- In spite of the fact that the parish is in-the-black, 200 families (~20%) made no financial contributions during 2008. PC members agreed that the recent letter sent to parishioners was well written.
- The Chapel Renovation Project is complete although more expensive than originally estimated.
 - The total project cost will be approximately \$472,000 versus the original quote of \$422,000 which was approved by the Archdiocese.
 - The project is approximately \$50,000 over budget due to handicap railings, asbestos floor removal, and transition tile in front and back. A loan in the

amount of \$160,000, as opposed to the expected \$120,000, is necessary to pay for the renovation.

- The numbers are not final because the project has not been finalized with the construction manager
- In April, a new tri-annual campaign will begin. Based on past pledges, \$500,000 is an estimate of anticipated contributions. However, \$430,000 is already committed (3 years of CSA @ \$90,000/year and debt payment) which leaves insufficient funds to cover necessary repair of the spine roof (\$40,000) and parking lot (\$250,000).
- Fr. Jerry is concerned about the (currently not overpaid) staff and believes that their needs should be a top priority.
- Julie Kubicki asked about replacing the picture of the Blessed Mother. Fr. Jerry replied that prior to the renovation, decorating the church was haphazard with things put anywhere. While statues and holy pictures are not in keeping with the monastic style of the Chapel, Fr. Jerry replied that a suitable place for the picture would be taken into consideration.

4. Council Retention and Recruitment

- PC members whose terms will expire include Allan Reynolds, Sheran Tioran, Erica Garcia, Tom Arwady, Tim Brisbois, and Joe Pauwels. To retain some continuity, Joe has agreed to remain on the council for an additional year.
- Fr. Jerry distributed the *Nomination for Parish Council* form asking that each PC member nominate one person. He suggested that all items on the form be thoroughly explained to nominees. *Because the date of the joint meeting of outgoing and incoming PC members has been changed to May 17, 2009, please use the form emailed by Fr. Jerry on Sunday afternoon and not those distributed at the meeting.*
- Dairdre explained the nomination process and asked that completed nomination forms be submitted to her or Joe Pauwels before April 3.

5. New Member Welcoming

- Tom Arwady attended the new member welcoming on Jan 13, 2009. Jeannette Hojnacki reported that Paul Borucki said all went well.
- Next new member welcoming is scheduled for Mar 3, 2009. Jeannette Hojnacki and Jerry Bishop will attend.

6. Pontiac Area Vicariate

- The PAV submitted a report to the Archdiocesan Tracking Committee last week.
 - Pastoral Care Plan for the entire vicariate: currently SJF has the anointing of the sick each month. Other vicariate parishes have it twice each year. This provides ample opportunity for people to be anointed if needed. Educating parishioners about this sacrament may result in less emergency calls.
 - To cover emergency calls, a rotation schedule including the 23 priests in the vicariate was proposed so that each priest would respond to emergencies once every 23 days.

- A brochure explaining the sacrament and emergency procedures is being created by the PAV and will be placed in all hospitals, parishes, hospices, nursing homes, or other places where anointing of the sick may be needed.
- Hispanic Pastoral Planning Committee
 - Planning a Hispanic Pastoral Assembly tentatively scheduled for May or June. The objective of the Assembly is to assess the needs of the Hispanic community including how to make them feel welcome, ie language considerations. The Committee decided to limit attendance to Hispanic people.
- PAV is looking for a new vicar to replace Fr. Jerry who has served in this position for 13 years. Fr. Jerry requested that Archbishop Maida appoint another priest to this position. The request was not granted prior to the retirement of the Archbishop and Fr. Jerry will make the same petition of Archbishop Vigneron who has replaced Archbishop Maida.
- PAV Assembly
 - The PAV Assembly will occur on Monday, March 23, 2009 from 6:30-9:00 PM at St. Benedict Parish. Fr. Jerry asked for all PC members to attend this presentation which he considers "important for the vitality of the entire area".
 - Dairdre McGlothlin volunteered to register members who agree to attend.

7. Liaison Communications-see attached - these are not digitally attached - handouts were provided to PC members from Faith Formation/Education, Finance and Development, Worship, Spirituality, Pastoral Care, and Campus/Young Adult. Reports were made from Liaisons from Faith Formation/Education, Finance and Development, Worship, Spirituality, Pastoral Care, Campus/Young Adult and Evangelization.

8. PC Meeting Schedule Changes

- Fr. Jerry shared the schedule of upcoming PC meetings (July 2009 through June 2010).
- The March meeting has been changed from March 15 to March 22.
- Commission heads are invited to the April 19 meeting. Because of the large size of the group, Jeanette Hojnacki volunteered to help Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz provide lunch.
- The new member and joint meeting scheduled for June 7 meeting has been cancelled. It will be combined with the regularly scheduled meeting to take place on May 17, 2009.

9. Closing

- Dairdre led the group in The Lord's Prayer to end the meeting.
- Next Meeting: March 22, 2009
 - Snack – Allan Reynolds
 - Prayers – Juli Kubicki
 - PC Article – Tom Arwady

Respectfully Submitted,
MaryAnn Weller