

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
March 22, 2009
Corrected 4 – 26- 09

1. Opening

- Following a light lunch and socialization the opening prayer was led by Juli Kubicki.
- All PC members were in attendance except Tom Arwady, Jeanette Hojnacki, Erica Garcia and MaryAnn Weller
- Chairperson Joe Pauwels reviewed the corrected version of minutes from the last meeting which were accepted and gave an overview of the afternoon's agenda

2. Focus Items for Discernment

- Focus Area for 2009-2010: Year of Renewal
 - Joe Pauwels tied together the work thus far of the M/V/V Process Team and the PR/V/C ministry, suggested a direction for the parish priority for next year, and asked for PC input
 - There was consensus for the version reading – Building community through a Year of Renewal with the theme *Why Am I Catholic? – A Faith to Believe In!*
 - Additionally, include information to indicate how topics of relevancy, relationship, and renewal can provide substance to the process
- Plan April 19 PC/PT/Comm/Staff Meeting (PR/V/C Ministry Introduction and Focus)
 - Joe led the planning process for the upcoming meeting and it was agreed to concentrate on three key areas:
 1. 2008-2009 Priority: To break open and explore how being involved at SJF creates meaning to my/our life – PC liaisons will solicit information from their commission heads relative to how this priority was/was not met – Liaisons report back to Joe via email by April 3 – Joe will summarize the information and send it out to PC for review – Review of information and the final document will used to open the meeting
 2. Discussion of this year's focus item as named above
 3. PR/V/C Ministry will present their thoughts on how they can promote involvement in the upcoming year's parish priority

- Due to spring break for some members the date for this meeting may be changed to April 26, 11:30am – 2:00pm, or April 20, 7:00pm – 9:00pm – PC members are advised to reserve these dates. Joe & Fr. Jerry will poll PT/Comm/Staff and PR/V/C to see their availability and report back to this group

3. Updates

- Council Recruitment Status
 - Joe provided a handout outlining Parish Council Member Assignment Descriptions as clarification within Council itself and also for clarification, if needed, in the recruitment of new Council members
 - The following individuals have accepted nominations for 2009 Parish Council vacancies:
 - Young Adult – Scott Kehrer, Kristen Kehrer
 - Man – Tom Harwood, Norm Franks, Greg Schultz
 - Woman – Marietta Fernandez, Ann Moran
 - PC members will continue seeking willing nominees. Ideally each PC member will submit one nomination. Two nominations are needed for the Youth Group selection process to proceed. 2008 nominations were reviewed for further possibilities. PC members are to send additional nominations to Joe by April 3
 - Selection process will take place at 4:00pm Sat, May 2nd
 - Council is also in need of a Vice-Chair for the 2009-2010 year
- New Member Welcoming
(Next: May 7, 2009)
 - Jerry Bishop volunteered to attend and Joe will check if possibly Jeannette Hojnacki can also
 - Email reminder will be sent a week prior to PC members who volunteered
- PAV Update
 - Joe reviewed a handout which summarized minutes from the Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting held Feb 23, 2009
 - Special attention was given to PAV Services Operations Committee Reports from Catholic Community Response Team (CCRT) and Youth Ministry

- Joe also provided a handout with the reported information from all Pontiac Area Vicariate Service Operations. It was suggested this could become part of a PAV Orientation packet
- Holy Family Regional School Report
 - Laura Borroni-Bird reported that Holy Family School is currently in a phase of uncertainty due to continuing drops in enrollment. Tuition was increased only 1% as reserves from the highest enrollment ever during the last school year will be used to cover some of this shortfall. However, it will be difficult to reduce set costs any further.
 - Expenditures for security measures were approved (**correction – should read suggested**) to bring Holy Family in line with what is currently in use in public schools.
 - St. John Fisher only accepts advertising from PAV private schools in their bulletin. Other parishes do not necessarily practice territorial loyalty in this regard.

4. Upcoming Items

- PAV Leadership Assembly – St. Benedict (3/23)
- PC Meetings
 - April 19/20/26 (w/ PT/Comm/Staff and PR/V/C)
 - May 31 (changed from May 17)
 - Suggestion accepted to continue combining May and June meetings so that 2010 calendar meeting date will be May 30

5. Closing

Prayer led by Juli Kubicki

Next Meeting: April 19/20/26 (w/ PT/Comm/Staff and PR/V/C)

- Lunch – Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz and Jeannette Hojnacki
- Prayers – MaryAnn Weller
- PC Article – Laura Borroni-Bird