

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council (PC)
May 31, 2009

1. Opening

- Following a light snack and socialization the opening prayer was led by Juli Kubicki.
- All PC members (outgoing and new) were in attendance except Jeannette Hojnacki and Evan Barlage
- Chairperson Joe Pauwels welcomed all to the meeting. **A special welcome to new members in attendance: Dick Brennan, Ann Moran, Scott Kehrer, Evan Barlage and Greg Schultz**
- Each member of the PC introduced himself or herself to the rest of the Council.
- Joe provided a brief explanation for the new members of the binders we use to file PC materials, PC assignments and liaison responsibilities. New members will receive their binders and more detail at the Aug 16, 2009 meeting.
- Minutes from the last meeting were approved followed by a review of today's agenda.

2. Items for Discernment

- Joe Pauwels reviewed the parish council accomplishments for the 2008-2009 year (handout) and it was agreed that much of what was accomplished was the result of open and spirit filled discussion and participation.
- Dairdre McGlothlin led the discussion on the April 26 All-Staff meeting. Despite some technical difficulties, it was agreed the end result was generation of enthusiasm and support for the upcoming parish priority – the Year of Renewal.
- Dairdre McGlothlin reported the Year of Renewal (YOR) Process Team has solicited PT input for desired outcomes and for identifying the sense of urgency. From that, the Team developed Vision, Values and Mission (handout) for the YOR. Further work is being done to develop themes and concepts, provide learning opportunities to include all, establish key events and timelines, refine small and large group events, communicate the message effectively and utilize the many talents of all SJF ministries.
 - Priority for 2009-2010: Year of Renewal

- Vision for the Year of Renewal: Finding deeper meaning in our relationships and our Catholic Faith
- Values for Year of Renewal:
 - Personal and community growth
 - Relevancy of faith in our daily lives
 - Relationships to God and one another
- Mission: Through the Year of Renewal, we at St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish will create and provide opportunities to:
 - Experience growth and relevancy of our Catholic faith as individuals and as a community
 - Relate the Year of Renewal experience to the entire SJF community
 - Build and celebrate community

3. Updates

Jerry Bishop reported that he and Jeannette Hojnacki welcomed three new members who attended the New Member Welcoming held 05-07-09. There was discussion whether the registration form provided to new parish members gives them the opportunity to participate at SJF by giving of their time, talent and treasure. (I checked with Paul Broucki and he told me the Registration Form has a place for indicating the gift of treasure but nothing for time and talent. The Time and Talent Survey is passed out at the meeting for new members to indicate their interests. So between the two forms we cover the “Three ‘T’s”!)

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- Joe provided a summary (handout) of the last Pontiac Area Vicariate Council Meeting Minutes. Highlights included;
 - Implementation of Vicariate-wide Pastoral Care of the Sick and discussion about what metrics would be collected to measure its success
 - Hispanic Gathering to take place at St. Mary of the Hills upon getting a date commitment from Bishop Flores
 - Proposal approved for purchase of a trailer for Youth Ministry that can hold supplies used for outreach events
 - Vicar transition will likely happen in September. **THANK YOU Fr. Jerry** for your seven years of vicariate leadership!

- Liaison Reports
 - End of Year Reports were submitted to PC from Faith Formation/Education Commission, Finance and Development Commission, and Campus/Young Adult Commission.

4. Upcoming Items

- PC Meeting: Aug 16, 2009 @ 11:30 AM - PC Orientation and All-Day Retreat followed by dinner at a local restaurant
- Joe announced that MaryAnn Weller has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair for the coming year and, therefore, will be the Chair for the 2010/2011 PC Year.

5. Closing

- The group thanked outgoing members Tom Arwady, Tim Brisbois, Erica Garcia, Allan Reynolds, and Sheran Tioran. Fr. Jerry presented each one with a certificate of gratitude and appreciation for their time of service in the Leadership of Discernment as a PC member.
- A special thank you to Joe Pauwels for his year of leadership.
- Meeting closed with the group praying the Hail Mary.

This meeting

- PC Article – Dawy Gonzales-Ruiz
- Bulletin Cover – Dairdre McGlothlin (see 5/24 Bulletin)

Next Meeting: Aug 16, 2009 @ 11:30 AM – Rochester Room

- Snack: TBD
- Prayers: TBD
- PC Article: TBD

Respectfully Submitted
Dairdre McGlothlin