

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council
February 21, 2010

Members present:

Fr. Jerry
Jerry Bishop
Laura Borroni-Bird
Scott Kehrer
Ann Moran
Joe Pauwels
Greg Schultz
MaryAnn Weller

Members absent:

Evan Barlage
Dick Brennan
Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz
Juli Kubicki
Dairdre McGlothlin
Kirsti Reeve

Council members gathered in the Rochester Room for socialization and lunch provided by Scott Kehrer.

1. Opening

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairperson, MaryAnn Weller. Following the opening prayer led by MaryAnn, the minutes of the January 10, 2010 meeting were approved with a correction to the date to reflect 2010 instead of 2009.

2. Focus Items for Discernment

Stewardship

Terri Nelson Drongowski attended the Parish Council meeting to provide a brief overview of the true meaning of stewardship. Prior to her presentation, Fr. Jerry introduced the topic by stating that along with charisms and evangelization, stewardship is a “pastoral foci” for the St. John Fisher parish. These foci provide a way of looking outside the parish to the global church and should represent the “lens” through which we view our work here at SJF.

Following Fr. Jerry’s comments, PC members were asked to provide their definition of what Stewardship is. Then Terri defined it in her terms: stewardship is turning cultural values upside down. It is a way of life; a life of gratitude and sharing of ourselves and our gifts from God with others. It is reflected in love of God, generosity, hospitality and relationships – all more important than the accumulation of wealth and self pleasure.

Many people think of stewardship as giving money; this notion must be abolished. Stewardship is responding to the call to be a disciple, it is an outwardly focused view of the world that is concerned with making life flourish.

Year of Renewal – Update and Plan for Mission-Vision-Value Development

Joe Pauwels provided a brief status review of the Year of Renewal. We are currently in the fourth topic cycle and it is being received very well. The Tuesday Evening Session was well attended and the small groups are currently meeting as planned. The fifth topic cycle will kick off this coming weekend with the Tuesday evening session taking place on March 2.

Joe also reviewed a proposal to use the Year of Renewal input for mission-vision-value review and development. This proposal suggests that we use upcoming PC meetings over the next several months to develop the parish mission-vision-values and then compare these to the current document for finalization. The PC approved this proposal and will suggest improvements as we get further into the process. A copy of this process outline is attached at the end of the minutes.

3. Updates

Charisms

MaryAnn Weller reported that she has been in contact with Sherry Widdell to get more information about the Charism workshop that can be conducted at SJF. This workshop takes place over two days conducted by two trainers and is for a minimum of **50** people (Note: This is a correction from what was reported at the meeting). After the workshop, each participant has a one hour interview with a trained interviewer. The cost of this process is relatively significant, including the trainer fees and travel expenses, material costs and \$25 for each interview. The process is very intense, given the need for the workshop, personal survey and interview.

It was suggested that if we are to do this, we would need to involve other parishes to help defray the cost and to achieve the 50 participant minimum.

Commission Reports

- **Campus/Young Adult** Scott Kehrer reported that the Young Adult Retreat was a success. It was focused on communication skills. Thanks to Dairdre, MaryAnn, Scott and Scott's wife Kristen for serving dinner on behalf of the Parish Council.
- **Faith Formation/Education** Laura Borroni-Bird indicated that Holy Family has just completed a "state of the school" assessment and presentation. The slow economy has not hurt enrollment much and the budget has been approved for the upcoming year.
- **Evangelization** MaryAnn mentioned that the Outreach Ministry has been very busy. The most recent focus areas are the Lenten Project, the South Oakland lunch program and the 7th/8th grade Ministry Fair.
- **Worship** No report.
- **Finance and Development** In general, all is going well. Work has begun on the 2010-2011 budget. Regarding the Giving in Spirit campaign, we are at 41% of our goal. If all those who have not yet contributed would give a dollar a day, we would achieve the campaign goal.

Council Recruitment Status

We now have four names for next year's Parish Council selection. Each current member should submit one name; the deadline is April 16.

ACTS

All PC members are encouraged to attend ACTS training; the next session is April 16, 2010.

PAV

Joe provided a summary of the last Vicariate Pastoral Council meeting. Most importantly, the Parish Council approved the St John Fisher portion of the Vicariate Budget. Our contribution will actually be ten dollars less than the current year.

Upcoming Items

The PAV Leadership Assembly takes place on March 11, 2010 at St. Paul Albanian with Fr. Timothy Radcliffe as the featured speaker. PC members who have not signed up are encouraged to do so.

Our next Parish Council Meeting will take place on March 21, 2010. Juli Kubicki is assigned the snack and Ann Moran will lead the prayers.

Close

MaryAnn closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Pauwels

Year of Renewal
Input for Parish Mission-Vision-Values

- 1) Collect all information from small groups, Tuesday evening gatherings, and any other source of input, including surveys. (Planning Committee)
- 2) Present in summary form at April Parish Council-Staff-Ministry Head Meeting. (Planning Committee)
- 3) Review information in detail over period of several months – from April to August. (Parish Council members)
- 4) Use August Parish Council Meeting/Retreat to organize the input/information from the Year of Renewal plus integrate the focus areas of Charisms, Stewardship and Evangelization into specific mission-vision-value type statements. (Parish Council)
- 5) Develop a brief Mission-Vision-Value document categorizing all of the findings from the August meeting. (Parish Council sub-committee)
- 6) Compare this document to the current Mission-Vision-Values document and determine if all new document is required or modifications to current statements. This will be determined by the extent of the difference (Parish Council)