

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

Members present:

Fr. Jerry	Juli Kubicki
Evan Barlage	Dairdre McGlothlin
Laura Borroni-Bird	Ann Moran
Jerry Bishop	Joe Pauwels
Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz	MaryAnn Weller
Scott Kehrer	

Also present: Sue Buratto, Sharon Cukras

Council members gathered in the Rochester Room for a snack and socializing.

1. Opening

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dairdre McGlothlin with the opening prayer led by Ann Moran. Dairdre asked for revisions to the minutes of the February, 21, 2010 meeting. There were none and the minutes stood as written.

2. Youth Group Update

Evan Barlage gave an update of the activities of the Youth Group.

- They had just finished the 30 Hour Famine (March 19-20).
- The group volunteered at the Gleaners where they packaged enough frozen corn to feed 900 homeless families.
- The “Cow” project was a great success and was well organized using the sign-up sheet.
- Upcoming events include a visit to Greek Town with mass at St Mary’s and dinner at Pegasus as well as a farewell meeting for seniors.

3. Focus Items for Discernment

Sue Buratto: Evangelization

Thank you to Fr. Jerry for the following summation:

1. Evangelization – telling the Good News about Jesus Christ and his Gospel way of life; use words only if you have to;
2. Evangelization vs. Proselytizing/Evangelism (trying to convince someone to be of your faith/religion)
3. Evangelization – three components:
 - a. Holiness: becoming the person God made you to be: **Charism.**
 - b. Witness: being prophetic about the way of God’s reign in our world here and now: **Evangelization.**
 - c. Service: Christian Service: **Stewardship.**

Joe Pauwels: Year of Renewal

Joe Pauwels gave an update on the Year of Renewal. As we are approaching the final three weeks (session 6), Joe reported that the previous 5 sessions went very well and that feedback has been extremely positive. Joe distributed a handout describing several steps involved in creating a new Mission, Vision and Value (MVV) statement for the parish. At the April PC meeting, the YOR planning committee will present the results of the surveys and other feedback to the council. PC members will be asked to listen and reflect on how that information may be useful in creating the new MVVs. At the August meeting the council will use the input from the YOR and integrate the information from the focus areas of charisms, stewardship, and evangelization into new MVV statements. Sharon Cukras asked that raw data be recorded from the surveys verbatim.

Feedback from the PAV Assembly

Dairdre gave a brief summation of Fr. Timothy Radcliffe's presentation at St. Paul Albanian Parish. Ann Moran commented that it was enjoyable and that Fr. Radcliffe spoke with humor. Joe Pauwels reiterated the point that morality based on rules does not work. Scott Kehrer brought up Fr. Radcliffe's question of how to keep youth and teens interested in Christianity. Laura Borroni-Bird spoke of the necessity for the Catholic Church to have dialogue or conversations with others it is to survive. The conversations should be approached with humility.

New Member Welcoming

On March 04, 2010, two new members were welcomed to the parish.

ACTS

Members were reminded of the upcoming ACTS on April 17, 2010 at St. Irenaeus. Anyone who has not previously attended was encouraged to go.

PAV

Joe Pauwels gave a summary of the March 2010 PAV meeting.

- Becky Lund, Executive Director of Sanctuary at Bellbrook spoke about the Bellbrook campus and Sanctuary.
- St. Andrew's Vocations Committee is planning a Mass for vocations and a vocation fair that will take place May 18, 2010 at 7:30 PM at St. Andrew Parish.
- A bust of St. Damien of Molokai was presented to Alejandra Barnes, VPC rep from St. Damien parish.
- Paul Borucki, PAV Business Manager, distributed the proposed parish subsidy spreadsheet for 2010-2011.
- Suggested for next year was having one PAV assembly instead of two.
- The assessment on offertory collections paid by parishes to the AOD will be increasing from 6 to 7 percent.

The closing prayer was led by Ann Moran and the meeting was adjourned.