

Meeting Minutes
St. John Fisher Parish Council
May 22, 2011

Members present:

Fr. Jerry Brzezinski
Jerry Bishop
Dawy Gonzalez-Ruiz
Dick Brennan
Cecila Karr
Susan Katchka
Scott Kehrer

Phil Jeszke
Howard Deal
Denene Decker
Greg Schultz
Lane Vogt
Kelsie Pittel
Elizabeth Adams

Council members gathered in the Rochester Room were treated to a delicious brunch by Greg Schultz.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Scott Kehrer with the opening prayer led by Dick Brennan.

- All members introduced themselves. Outgoing members are reminded to turn their council notebooks in to Fr. Jerry for a new cover insert prior to the Aug 21 retreat. Please remove anything older than 2 yrs. Don't forget to pass along your Parish Council ID tag.
- The 2011 – 2012 Parish Council Meeting Schedule was handed out; hopefully it will come electronically for those members unable to attend the meeting.
- The April minutes were approved. It was noted that the minutes (starting with 2007 – 08) and the PowerPoint presentation from the April Meeting are available on the SJF website - <http://www.stjohnfisherparish.org/leadership/leaderhome.htm>.
- A point was raised that we need fulfill our duties as welcomers, In March Maryann handed out the latest schedule covering April to Aug. If you are unable to make your assigned mass switch with someone. Feeling welcomed is what helps make SJF unique – Please do your part.
- An over view of the past year was offered notes attached to the minutes.
- The coming years will involve oversight of achieving the V/V/M.
- Rollout of the V/V/M will take place at Pentecost (June 12th weekend)
- Fr. Jerry reviewed the 2011 – 2012 FY budget, we are still solvent and have the possibility to achieve more this year. New Fiscal Year begins on Jul 1.
- Council member Roles & Responsibilities, a List of Acronyms, a summary 2011 – 2012 Budget and a preliminary contact sheet for 2011 – 2012 councilmembers where given as handouts at the meeting.

- Disk Brennan led is in the closing prayer.

Upcoming Items

- PC Meeting: 11:30 AM Aug 21, 2010 in the Rochester Room where 2011 – 2012 council will participate in the annual retreat. A must attend for all council members

Vision, Values and Mission – A Year in Review

Our first meeting of the year - Welcome and now let's jump into the business at hand

- Task: Establish the SJF Vision, Values and Mission for 5 years
- Vision and Values describe what SJF is 'About'
- Mission and Goals state how SJF is going to achieve the Vision and Values
- Facilitated by Sharon Cukras aided by Joe Pauwels and Dairdre McGlothlin
 - Based on the feedback and concerns raised in the Year of Renewal
 - Using or insight from the 'View From the Pew'
 - Reminded us that in addition to knowing what we are we need to state what we are not
 - Not for profit
 - Not the building
 - Not isolated

All contributed; all spoke and we produced lists of:

- What Matters to SJF
- What it means to Build Bridges and Bridge Gaps
- Keys to engaging Young Adults
- Key Values
- What it means to be a Welcoming Community
- Achieving Diversity

By the end of the retreat we had a rough Vision a preliminary set of values and a task to think about the mission. We were no longer a group of parishioners, by well on our way to being a team, comrades and friends.

At the Sept meeting we were back for more again with Sharon Cukras's assistance

- Achieved consensus on a Draft Vision and Values
- Established the basis for the SJF Mission

As the meeting closed we prepared for how to present the V/V/M to the Pastoral Team and Commission heads at the Oct. meeting. A great deal of thought, discussion, wordsmithing and collective energy had been invested in the V/V/M which were to be shared with a larger audience.

At the Joint meeting (and even after) we gathered feedback and comments on the V/V/M causing us to re-think and review our draft V/V/M which we took up again in November. The consensus was that we had done a good (dare I say great) job and that most of the concerns were directed at higher level detail. Some tweaking of the V/V was done and more work was done on the Mission.

Fr. Jerry treated us to the History of the SJF V/V/M.

December had us carving up ham and other potables at Ann Moran's in a joint sit down meal with the Pastoral Team where a great time was had by all.

January brought charisms, evangelization, stewardship and a review of how these fit into the Draft V/V/M. Mary Weller tasked the PC with ensuring that the V/V/M appropriated included charisms, evangelization, and stewardship. Once again the PC dove back into the V/V/M and again emerged with a greater appreciation and understanding of what we had wrought.

Kirsti proposed and provided a cell phone to be used to receive calls from OU students needing a ride to Mass.

February had the PC finalizing the V/V/M for distribution to the Pastoral Team and Commission Heads. Much of the The PC reports on the Mass Schedule Change Survey (Not Recommended), Commission Reports (especially Together in Faith II) and suggestions for improving the Commission Reports were heard. Together in Faith II occupied a significant amount of attention by focusing our attention on issues outside SJF and on the practical

aspects of sustaining the Catholic Church.

March had the PC preparing to present the approved version of the V/V/M at the joint meeting with the Pastoral Team and Commission Heads. Much of the meeting was spent discussing how and what to present. Together in Faith noted that other parishes were going through the V/V/M process and raised the issues of partnering and priest haring within the vicariate.

April The PC presented the V/V/M which included asking the PT and Commission Heads what changes for your group?