

Parish Council Minutes

October 20th, 2011

Members present: Fr. Bruce, Jennifer Prusa, Todd Barrett, Mary Pfaff, Martha Kauffman, Adrian Velazquez, Deanna Sack, Carolyn Sawyer, and Steve Williamson. Not present: Susie Adams and Bob Reiter.

Guest present: Carrie Madden

- I. Minutes for Sept, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved with amendments. Mary will revise the minutes and send to distribution for review with the October minutes.

- II. 2010/2011 Parish Council Goals/Objectives - Review

Reviewed list goals and selected ones to include in Town Hall presentation. These include:

Community: Creating Jr. High Youth Group, Developing communication plan and committee

Spiritual Growth: Implemented small Lenten faith groups

Exemplary School: Pat Kolasch will address

Evangelization: St. Vincent De Paul, CHRP, Stewardship Committee

Atmosphere: Energy Savings Audits, Facilities Committees

- III. 2011/2012 Parish Council Goals/Objectives – Selection

Council reviewed proposed list of goals/objectives for 2011/2012. Other suggested goals and objectives were added to the list such as: Sister Parish, ministry audit, communication, website, etc...

Council discussed that having goals/objectives that span only one year may be limiting or not as impactful. Council agreed to identify goals/objectives that we could complete within one year as well as goals/objectives that may span two years. These would also provide a foundation of work for the next year's parish council.

Below are the goals/objectives agreed to by the council:

- Facilities – create one committee to address all parish needs (2012)
- Singles Outreach – develop strategies to include parish singles (2012)
- Service – Identify one to two service opportunities in the community, not necessarily just within the parish (2012)
- Ministry Audit – review, prioritize and map to pillars of stewardship all existing and proposed ministries; find balance of social v. ministry activities (2012)
- Adult Faith Formation – continued past CHRP (2013)
- H.S. Youth Group – how can we keep our high schoolers active in the parish (2013)
- Sister Parish – extend to a parish within US or internationally (2013)
- Vision/Planning – Begin to plan for the next 10-20 years; what do we need? Where are we going? What will it look like? (2013)

Council discussed that some goals and objectives are ongoing: communication plan and committee, website, staffing, and youth ministry.

IV. Town Hall Meeting October 30th and November 3rd

Promotion of town hall meetings and facility set-up are being addressed.

Proposed Agenda:

- Opening Prayer – stewardship prayer led by Fr. Bruce
- Welcome
- Introduction of Council members
- Council and various boards organization chart
- Parish by the numbers including bullets about financial health
- 2010/2011 year in review
- Pillars of stewardship
- 2011/2012 goals and objectives
- 2012/2013 goals and objectives

Primary message throughout town hall meeting should be that we are a stewardship parish and are adopting a stewardship model: Service, Hospitality, Formation, and Prayer.

V. Other Items Discussed

Suggestion: Carrie Madden suggested that council members call parish members and ask what we (the parish) can pray for on “your behalf”. Carrie stated that this could be a powerful and spiritual gesture that may also remind them of their parish community.

Next meeting is November 18th, 2011 in the PMC. (Parish Council meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month.)

Adjourn 😊