

St. Elizabeth Parish Council
Minutes of 08.27.09 Meeting

Attendees: Fr. Bruce, Fr. Malewski, Fr. Bauman, Rob Reiter, Carolyn Sawyer, Jan Garnett, Beth Cressey, John Rosebrough, Josh Brewster, Gary Vontz, Bill Egelhoff.

Absent: Jennifer Prusa

The meeting was called to order @ 7:10 pm. Fr. Bruce led the prayer and reflection. Minutes of the 07.23.09 meeting were accepted after three minor corrections were made and then minutes were provided to the St. E staff and posted on the parish web site.

Agenda Items:

- I. Update for Liturgy/Worship committee: deferred to future meeting.
- II. Fr. Bauman's organizational report on ministries:

Fr. Bill reports we now have a model of St. E's operation which divides into four parts: welcome ministries, worship, education and information. The goal is to have a chart &/or booklet produced in the next six months. We will ask Jennifer Prusa to produce/provide the document. A review of Fr. Bill's previous meetings was discussed. Fr. Bill recommended that Fr. Bruce name Susie Adams a "Director of Music & Worship", in order for her to have a basis for doing more spiritual formation/enrichments of the various ministries. Fr. Bill also recommended that we convene three meetings, which he will facilitate, with key people, to address marriage, funeral and baptism celebration/preparation thereby establishing unity of vision and policies.

Then Fr. Bill proceeded to show a power point presentation with twenty-two slides (hard copy attached) on holding a "Good Meeting". Points included building power through collective commitment of the group using the power cycle, which includes evaluation/evaluation tools, creating/receiving alternatives, decisions and action/follow up. Setting a meeting time frame of 1 to 1-1/2 hours is important to efficiency and staying on track. Discussion on facing new programs concluded the presentation. Fr. Bill noted that this is a proven model with a good track record. The Council thanked Fr Bill again for all his efforts on our behalf.

- III. Parish Census:

Bill Egelhoff discussed the gathering of updated information including missing data, e.g. cell #'s, emails, etc. via a personal contact with each parishioner. Target timeline projected to be late March/April, 2010. The project will require at least fifty volunteers (teams of two) to set appointments to visit each home for a short twenty-thirty minute Q and A using our St. E. generated forms plus several questions developed by the parish staff and parish council to generate parishioner feedback. Estimated volunteer time is ten hours over a four to six week period.

Questions developed will utilize the “SWOT” method. The thinking behind this initiative , other than basic data, is to rekindle the parish spirit. Fr. Bill suggested forming a team of two-three council members to draw up a plan and return will recommendations. Fr. Bruce and Josh Brewster volunteered to assist Egelhoff with the plan design.

IV. New Business: None

Non-Agenda Items:

V. Old Business:

Bob Reiter reviewed/discussed the “Christ Renews His Parish” proposal and will try to have several representatives attend our September/October meeting to explain the process. Bob will report the results.

VI. Items of Interest

>Fr. Bruce reports that after receiving a bid for \$65K to paint the church, the parish will seek other alternatives.

>Beth Cressey reports that an open CPTA meeting will be held on 09.24.09 @ 7pm.

>Fr. Bill will be absent for our September and October meetings as he will be traveling in Australia.

>Fr. Bruce will be on retreat on 09.23.09.

Tentative Agenda Items for 09.23.09

- I. CRHP-guests-60 min.
- II. School update-Beth-10 min.
- III. Worship team update-10 min.
- IV. Census update-Bill-10 min.
- V. New Business
- VI. Old Business

Our next meetings: 09.23.09; 10.22.09 and 12.10.09(combined November/December meeting)

Respectfully submitted by Bill Egelhoff, Secretary