

St. Elizabeth Parish Council Meeting Minutes January 28, 2010

Attendees: Fr. Bruce, Fr. Christian, Jennifer Prusa, Bob Reiter, Beth Cressey, Carolyn Sawyer, Jan Garnett & Bill Egelhoff

Guest: Fr. Bill Bauman

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:10. Fr. Christian led the group in prayer & reflection.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 12/10/09 meeting were distributed & reviewed. No comments or corrections were noted. Jennifer motioned to accept the minutes. Beth seconded. All were in favor.

Ministry Booklet:

Fr. Bill & Jennifer presented the eight page ministry booklet draft for review, discussion & approval. After proofing the booklet, many suggestions were noted. The revised booklet will be ready for the “State of the Parish” meetings on 02/21 & 02/22. It was suggested that the booklet be updated once a year.

CRHP Progress:

Fr. Bruce & Jennifer report that the CRHP teams are coming together. The initial women’s team includes Julie Tapko/food; Jennifer Prusa/communications; Loretto Hayes/facilities; Susie Adams/sacristan & the men’s team includes Bob Reiter/communications; Mike Gabhart/sacristan; Glen O’Connor or Matt Hilderbrand/facilities; still looking for a food/kitchen team member(perhaps Matt Scanlon?) The month of April will bring completion of the “to do” list and a general meeting. Parish Council members will extend personal invitations to approximately 30 participants. Amy Gardner & Beth O’Connor have attended CRHP and their testimonials may be used. Fr. Bruce will attend CRHP @ Holy Spirit in late February.

State of the Parish Update:

Beth says two dates have been set: 02/21 after 10:00 Mass & 02/22 @ 7pm. Both meetings are in Seton Hall and are scheduled to last one hour. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Since school registration information will **ONLY** be available @ this meeting it is mandatory for all school parents to be in attendance. An aggressive communication campaign will begin in early February and will include the bulletin, letters to parishioners, Mass announcements, postings on Sycamore & the parish web site as well as backpack stuffers. School & parish announcement samples were distributed. Bob presented examples of the meeting handouts that included a parish financial report. Beth reports the **principal search** committee had received a number of resumes and has selected two local candidates to be interviewed on 02/09. Fr. Bruce announced that Sheri Dishong has replaced Marlon DeLaTorre on the search committee. More good news—the alum challenge letter from Jim Van Dyke generated \$17000 plus the anonymous donor match.

Stewardship Report:

Josh & Bill met with Paula Moss, Diocese Vice-Chancellor of Stewardship & Development on December 11th. Paula was more than accommodating, offering different stewardship success stories including Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville, a parish of 300 families with 15 members on the stewardship committee. She stated that because conversion doesn't happen overnight, it is important to have ongoing stewardship education to ensure success. Paula also said she will be happy to conduct a stewardship meeting when we are ready. She also provided us with several books and other resources to help us develop our stewardship plan. We will meet with Fr. Bruce to see whom he wants to select as committee members.

New Business:

Bob suggested that our March 25th meeting be classified as an "open" meeting. After a short discussion it was agreed and the "open" meeting notice will be published according to our bylaws—post to the parish web site and in the bulletin two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Other notes of interest:

>>Nine new parishioners registered in January.

>>Parish staff members: This year Steve will retire in May and Gordon in September.

Next Meeting: February 23rd/Please note the date change!!

Tentative Agenda

Opening Prayer	Bob Reiter	5 min
Old Business	Approve Min.	5 min
CRHP	Bob Reiter	10 min
State of the Parish	All/Review	15 min
Stewardship	Josh	10 min
Census Update	Bill	10 min
School Board	Beth	10 min
Liturgy Team	Carolyn	10 min
New Business	All	15 min

>No other business—meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Egelhoff, Secretary