

St. Elizabeth Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Attendees: Frs. Bruce & Christian, Jennifer Prusa, Gary Vontz, Josh Brewster, Pat Saviano, Beth Cressey, Jan Garnett & Bill Egelhoff.

Carolyn Sawyer; bad knee and Bob Reiter out of town.

In Carolyn and Bob's absence, Bill called the meeting to order and lead the group in prayer.

**Minutes:** Minutes from our 01.28.10 meeting had been e mailed to all for review. No comments or corrections. Jennifer motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Gary seconded. All were in favor.

**CRHP:** St. Elizabeth & the Kansas CRHP team met to discuss our team formation among other things. During a walk around our facilities, it was decided to use Seton Hall for meals and the library for chapel & witness room and the church for sleeping. Initial purchase of ten air mattresses and air pump will be made. Communications to the parish will include pew cards, bulletin items, Mass announcements and as part of the State of the Parish meeting. Website registration is under consideration. Each council member is asked to submit five names that you are inviting to CRHP via email to Jennifer. Jennifer passed out handouts to give to prospective retreatants. CHRP manuals are here and ready for distribution. Fr. Bruce will be on CRHP 2.27 and 2.28 and Fr. Christian will go 4.10 and 4.11. Gary asked why the men and women have separate weekends. Jennifer will check with her contact but feels it has to do with the sharing of personal items. She will also look into the possibility of mixed CRHP in the future.

**State of the Parish Review:** Many council members thought the presentation specifics given were very important and we will continue ongoing communication to the parish. Paint the picture-tell the story-use examples e.g. "fund a light bulb". Financially, Fr. B. said that some areas of expense would be improved soon. Pat offered to do part of a possible campus energy study noting that 40% of the electric bill is lighting. Currently, KCPL has a rebate program in place for energy audits. Cost involved TBD. **The Heritage Fund still has \$7500 in matching funds available. We need to communicate this to the parishioners!!** All agreed that each speaker articulated a very positive message, planting the stewardship seed. This meeting should occur annually.

**Stewardship:** Josh distributed information taken from "Stewardship-A Disciple's Response" to all for review & study. He noted that Paula Moss suggested 15-20 committee members however Josh feels we should begin with 10. The three prongs of stewardship are: spiritual, communication and development and committee members will take ownership of each. We discussed the selection process, chairpersons and the previous stewardship initiative in general. A good cross section of our parish is needed for the committee. Each council member was asked to e mail several stewardship

committee names to Josh or Bill prior to their stewardship meeting with Fr. Bruce on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Census:** Bill reviewed several census responses/formats received from different parishes that Paula Moss had gathered for us. The census timeline, which was distributed at last month's meeting and to the staff on 2.4, was reviewed. The first step, volunteer recruitment, will begin March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**School Board:** Beth complimented Steve McClain on his fine presentation at the State of the Parish on behalf of the School Board. She said the principal search committee has interviewed a number of excellent candidates with two more interviews to complete. A decision will be made soon and announced to the parish sometime in April.

**Liturgy Team:** Jan indicated the team is working with Susie to consider moving the choir downstairs. Need to determine the cost for electrical needs and moving the eastside pews. The forty-member choir will test out the location soon.

**New Business:** None

**Of Note:**

- Gary stated that the financial reports are available to the council at any time.
- Six new parishioners registered in February.

*Next Meeting: Date change-we have moved our March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7pm in the PMC. **This is an "open" meeting.** Open meeting announcements will be in the bulletin and on the parish web site.*

Tentative Agenda for 03.23.10

Opening Prayer	Carolyn	5 min
Old Business	Approve Minutes	5 min
CRHP Update	Bob	10 min
Stewardship Update	Josh	10 min
Census Update	Bill	5 min
School Board	Beth	10 min
Liturgy	Carolyn	5 min
New Business	All	15 min

Respectfully submitted by Bill Egelhoff, Secretary