

## St. Elizabeth Parish Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

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

Open Meeting Guests: Vicky & Doug Kinney and Marta & Steve Williamson.

**Prayer:** Carolyn led the group in prayer & reflection.

**Minutes:** Minutes had been distributed by e-mail & hard copy. No comments or corrections were noted. Minutes were accepted as presented.

**CRHP:** Jennifer & Bob met his past weekend to review some final details for the upcoming event. The following teams are in place:

1. **Facilities team:** Loretto Hayes & Alan Sawyer
2. **Kitchen team:** Julie Tapko & Glen O'Connor-may ask Yes I Can for specific menu items.
3. **Communications team:** Jennifer Prusa & Bob Reiter- on 4/10 & 4/11 they will address the parish community from the ambo at weekend Masses regarding signup. Jennifer will contact Josh to see if he can speak @ the 10a Mass. On 4/24 & 4/25 team members for the Kansas lead parishes will speak regarding signup. On 5/8 & 5/9-parish signups will be held.

Signup paperwork is needed from participants and is available @ stekc.org as well as the CRHP website. In addition to paper forms & brochures, registration forms are available via e-mail. Perhaps a banner is in order. There is NO cost for retreatants/there is a limit of 25 retreatants. No deadline for registration has been set up. Jennifer reminded the Council to continue their work on their five personal invitations. Some questions remain about sleeping in the church.

4. **Sacristans:** Susie Adams & Mike Gabhart

**Stewardship Committee:** After receiving suggestions from each PC member for the committee, Fr. Bruce, Josh & Bill met on March 17<sup>th</sup> to review submitted names. Calls will be made-next meeting to be held after Easter with the committee to be in place by the end of April. Josh will provide more details @ the next PC meeting.

**Parish Census:** With CRHP timelines & dates firmed up, census will sync up with those dates and continue recruiting volunteers. Parish communications will begin mid-April. Progress report @ next PC meeting.

**School Board:** Beth distributed a handout summarizing recent activities that included: (a) “State of the Parish” wrap up, which has received very positive feedback. Steve McClain has provided the format for future meetings that will continue to be a collaborative effort among the Parish Council, School Board & Finance Committee. (b) Formation of a school Development committee with Mary Beth Compton as lead person. Mary Beth is attending a diocesan development training class. (c) Upcoming school board elections on 4/30, 5/1 & 5/2. As Beth’s term ends in June, new PC liaison will be selected after the election. (d) “Open” school board meeting on 4/20 @ 7p in Seton Hall. (e) New school principal, Patricia Kollasch, will be announced to parishioners on 3/27 & 3/28. (f) Reception for Sandy Nickel to be held 5/15 @ 7p in Seton Hall.

**Liturgy:** Carolyn reports that Susie Adams continues to look for feedback on the east side choir location. So far; pros & cons (mostly from choir members) fairly even. Susie likes the east side because “it feels more like part of the community”. Susie will gather additional facts, costs and other pertinent details to determine the feasibility of the move. Also, it was determined that the east side location is not infringing on the tabernacle area.

**New Business:**

1. We need to schedule a “Town Hall” meeting, hopefully in September and feature our new principal. Need to decide on a date, subject matter and form for Q&A’s. Carolyn (PC), Gary Vontz (Finance) & new school board PC liaison were elected/volunteered to organize the meeting.
2. Discussion regarding new parish picture roster-with the PC’s current initiatives, it was decided to target next fall. Suggested leads: Maureen Liston & Mary Lee Krull.
3. Per our bylaws, we need to schedule a planning day & consider election of new chair, vice-chair & secretary as well as filling the three rotating member positions for a June 1 effective date. Fr. Bruce will present names @ the next meeting.
4. Some remarks were made regarding the lack of communication to the parish about Joanie McLaughlin’s resignation. It was noted that recently the staff had a lunch for her thanking her for her service. Going forward, Wanda & Fred Kaffenberger will lead the Friendship Club.
5. Steve Christensen will be retiring 5/31 & Gordon Miller sometime in September. Target is May 1<sup>st</sup> for Steve’s replacement.
6. **FREE MONEY** has arrived via an anonymous parishioner who will match dollar for dollar any increase in your current tithe amount up to **\$50,000!** SHOUT IT OUT!!!
7. Bob announced that going forward all Parish Council meetings would be “open”.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7p in the PMC.

Tentative agenda:

Prayer:	Josh	5 min
Old Business:	Approve Minutes	-
CRHP:	Jennifer/Bob	15 min
Stewardship:	Josh	10 min
Census	Bill	5 min
School Board	Beth	10 min
Liturgy:	Carolyn	10 min
Nominations	Fr. Bruce	10 min
Planning day in May	All	5 min
Succession Planning	All	10 min
New Business	All	10 min

Meeting adjourned @ 8:25p

Respectfully submitted by Bill Egelhoff, Secretary