

St. Elizabeth Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Attendees: Fr. Bruce, Fr. Christian, Josh Brewster, Gary Vontz, Jennifer Prusa, Carolyn Sawyer, Janet Garnett & Bill Egelhoff.

Absent: Beth Cressey, Bob Reiter & Pat Saviano.

Open Meeting Guests: None

Carolyn called the meeting to order.

**Prayer:**

Josh led the group in a Stewardship prayer & reflection.

**Minutes:**

Minutes had been distributed by email were reviewed again by all in attendance. No corrections or comments. Jennifer motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Josh seconded. All were in favor.

**CRHP:**

Jennifer reports that there are 14 men registered & 12 women so far. CHRP speakers from our Kansas women's team will be addressing our community at Mass on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Food donations are still needed. Other items appear to be coming together nicely. The point was made that we don't want sleeping in church to be an obstacle to attending—other arrangements will be made. Jennifer will make calls to some of the names suggested by Council members. Easy signup on the Parish website as well as other available methods.

**Stewardship:**

Josh reviewed progress on the Stewardship ten member committee and reports the following: Confirmed members: Jessica Underwood, Beth Cressey, Vicky Kinney, Todd Barrett, Josh Brewster, Bill Egelhoff & Fr. Bruce.

Advisory only: Jeff Randolph

Considering: Patty Walsh

Josh will contact Gus Sonnenberg and Bill will call Steve McClain. The initial committee of ten members will break out into teams to focus on three main pillars of stewardship: Spiritual, Communications & Development.

**Census:**

Bill reports that census forms will be available in church beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> & to be returned by May 16<sup>th</sup> with follow up calls to be made thereafter. Census information has appeared in the bulletin twice and will be posted on the Parish web site and Sycamore along with several pulpit announcements. Volunteer callers are still needed. Bill will contact some suggested names. Josh volunteered his wife. Jan & Carolyn volunteered.

**School Board:**

Jennifer reported in Beth's behalf that the new principal had been introduced to school administration & staff. School Board elections are April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Beth is rotating off School Board/Parish Council and her replacement will be introduced @ the next PC meeting. Jennifer also noted that St. E's School playground initiative will be honored at Southtown Council's May 11<sup>th</sup> Beautification Award and encouraged attendance. Also, Fr. Bruce placed an item in the bulletin thanking all concerned.

**Liturgy:**

Carolyn visited with Susie and reports that Susie is still gathering facts & comments on moving the choir from the choir loft to the east side of church. A second test will occur on Pentecost. Susie isn't sure about the move. Some negative comments from the choir have been received. The loft provides a very relaxed atmosphere while the east side requires a more behaved attitude.

**Parish Council Nominations:**

The process was discussed. School Board & Finance Committee will decide on nominations/replacements for Beth & Gary & report back. Each PC member to email Fr. Bruce with suggestions for replacements for single parishioners (Jan rotating off) & young married parishioners (Josh moving to Stewardship Committee).

**New Business:**

It was reported that St. E's School will receive a Beautification Award for the new playground and fencing to be presented Tuesday, May 11 at a dinner event sponsored by the Southtown Council. Fr. Bruce has made arrangements for a table and Sandy Nickel will accept the award on behalf of the school.

**Of Note:**

Gary reports that for the fiscal year ending 06.30.10, the approximate shortfall will be \$50,000.

The suggestion was made to produce a pew card challenging non-school parents to increase their tithe in order to take advantage of the \$50,000 matching funds offer.

Alums are working on a concert event plan to generate funds for the school.

**Next Meeting:**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** @ the Rectory, 6pm dinner followed by the PC annual planning meeting (approximately 7-10p). The meeting, as required by the PC bylaws, will consist of reviewing previous goals, re-evaluate existing goals &/or establishing new goals for the upcoming year. President Reiter will set the agenda.

No further business. A motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:50p

Respectfully submitted by Bill Egelhoff, Secretary.

