

## Parish Council Minutes

September 15, 2011

*Members present:* Fr. Bruce, Jennifer Prusa, Todd Barrett, Mary Pfaff, Martha Kauffman, Adrian Velazquez, Deanna Sack, Susie Adams, Steve Williamson, Bob Reiter

*Guest present:* Carrie Madden

- I. Minutes for August 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Revisions were proposed to the staffing minutes. Carrie Madden and Susie Adams provided suggested changes. Mary will amend the minutes and send to distribution for review.
- II. Introductions/New Representatives: Steve Williamson, Susie Adams and Bob Reiter reviewed their individual history with St. Elizabeth Parish and School. Steve and Bob are at large Parish Council members. Susie is the music director (and more) and will represent the parish office. Carolyn Sawyer was not present.
- III. *Election of Officers:* Council nominated members for president and vice president. Jennifer Prusa and Deanna Sack were elected as president and vice-president. Discussion occurred regarding how to ensure that we will have experienced members and/or a vice-president who could be elected as council president next year. Jennifer and Bob mentioned that rotations of various positions should ensure this would happen. It was noted that the Council should continue to keep this going forward. Below is a list of the Parish Council members:
  - \* Fr. Bruce
  - \* Jennifer Prusa - Chair (will roll off in June)
  - \* Deanna Sack - Vice-Chair, At Large (3 yr membership)
  - \* Steve Williamson – At Large (3 yr membership)
  - \* Adrian Velazquez – At Large (3 yr membership)
  - \* Martha Kauffman – Finance Committee Representative (1 yr membership/end in June)
  - \* Susie Adams – Parish Staff Representative (1 yr membership/end in June)
  - \* Todd Barrett – Stewardship Committee Representative (1 yr membership/end in June)
  - \* Carolyn Sawyer - At Large (will roll-off in June)
  - \* Bob Reiter – At Large (will roll-off in June)
  - \* Mary Pfaff – Secretary and School Board Representative (1 yr membership/end in June)
- IV. Celebration 2017 – Review: 2017 plan was updated by Martha and Jennifer. Council reviewed and made changes were applicable. Martha and Jennifer will update plan and distribute to Council members.

V. 2011/2012 Parish Council Goals and Objectives: Several items were identified during the review of the 2017 plan as potential 2011/2012 goals and objectives of the Parish Council. These will be discussed at the October Parish Council meeting.

VI. *Old Business/New Business:*

\* Difference between pastoral v. parish council – Question raised by Adrian. Susie Adams stated that Canon Law in 1983 made the distinction - Pastoral Council is concerned with the spiritual side of the parish. A pastoral council continues with the mission of the parish. The parish council is more about the parish organizational management and the workings of the people. At St. E's we have had both. Today we have a Parish Council. At the heart of the either, is the Eucharist and our mission in the Catholic faith.

\* Poverty at St. E's: St. E's is seeing an increase in poverty challenges within our parish family. Seven to eight people are asking for assistance. St. Vincent De Paul is increasing their support, providing an increase in monthly funds. Council discussed inserting a brief article on this issue in the bulletin and the support that is available.

\* Upcoming Missions: There will be stewardship events coming this year including Financial Peace, scheduled for Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and Parish Leader Celebration in November.

\* Parish Town Hall Meeting: Dates for the Town Hall meeting were discussed. Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> were selected. Carrie Madden will add these to the calendar. Suggested Town Hall topics include: 2017 Plan, 2010/2011 status, 2011/2012 goals and objectives, etc...

\* Suggestion was made to request Communication Committee to send out new parishioner pictures or add as an insert on a regular basis.

Next meeting is October 20th, 2011 in the PMC. (Parish Council meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.) Susie Adams agreed to prepare the prayer.

Adjourn ☺