



Parish Council

“We find Christ here. We bring Christ to the World.”

Minutes of June 26, 2010 Meeting

Meeting began at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present: Fr. Ken, Barbara Tucci, Rafael Benet, John Lockwood, Paul Tartabini, Linda Wahlert, Dave Dwyer, Bill Collins, Bill Burke, Carmen Lane, Scott Wood, Mary Chapman and Staff Guest Kelly Soprano

Staff Update from Kelly Soprano, Music Coordinator

- Kelly participates behind the scenes to coordinate music for Mass, weddings, funerals, etc. She chooses the music, works with the musicians as well as her other duties with the choirs. Kelly also collaborates with POF (People of Faith)
- Projects in the works: currently fundraising for a new sound system for the Worship space. It has been a long process. Has received proposals from Onyx Engineering and Vicom and still waiting to receive a response from Bose. Cost will be anywhere upwards of \$12,000.
- Fundraising through donations and concerts have raised close to \$5,000. In the future, may need a second collection. Kelly has applied for a grant from OCP (music and religious goods publisher) for \$1000.
- How can we (the parish) assist? support, presence at events, participation and inviting others
- Future events – possibly a Christmas Pageants
- Volunteer opportunities – 1) Kelly is looking for people to share their talents for projects (ex. making costumes, props, etc.); 2) also looking for an accompanist (those willing to assist with piano or organ play especially when Kelly needs to direct the choir or when she is sick – the person currently assisting is moving to Ohio
- at this point she does not have an official back-up person – suggestion was made to advertise in the bulletin as well as offer training to qualified volunteers
- Questions about the organ (some miss the music). Kelly’s training is on piano and although the organ may seem similar it is totally different. Kelly and Fr. Ken concur that the organ should be played at least at the 8:00 and 10:00 Mass. Kelly is learning to play the organ (perhaps the church could pay for the lessons). A suggestion was made to include hiring an organist for at least 1 Mass in next year’s budget.
- Have you thought of rotating the choirs to other Mass times? Yes, but it has met with resistance from the choirs.

Pastor Updates:

- **Discernment for new Parish Council members** occurs Saturday, July 10 @ 9:00 a.m. Pat Novak will facilitate the session. There are about 40-50 nominees to which Carla Weimer will create a database and mail a letter of invitation. It was determined that we will be discerning 3 positions on the council. The first event which they will officially attend is the Parish Picnic

on 7/18. Paul and Linda will be present to greet the nominees and give a brief overview then they will depart.

- **Facilities Needs Assessment** – Briefly reviewed the Listening Sessions results. Key points included 1) reconfiguring the space to include fellowship area/kitchen/food service/storage (for hospitality after Mass, funerals and other events); 2) more meeting spaces; 3) total update of bathrooms; 4) nursery/child care; 5) “bride” space

Priorities determined were: 1) for the nursery a room big enough and convenient enough with a bathroom; 2) 3-4 meeting rooms; 3) warming kitchen similar to the one in Manion Hall; 4) larger Daily Mass Chapel; 5) convert existing Daily Mass Chapel into a meeting space/cry room with closed circuit TV; 6) Youth Center; 7) suggestion was made to replace some of the worn furnishings in Manion Hall

What’s the next step? Flyer, publication of results, Town Meeting. First, would like to invite Michelle Smith (Development Director at the school) to speak regarding grants, capital campaigns, etc. to help get things started. Fr. again expressed a desire to form a Fundraising Committee to coordinate fundraising efforts in the parish. He has spoken to Michelle about this and feels she can help make it happen.

- **Bulletin Announcements** – 1) We are in dire need of Liturgical Ministry volunteers. 2) Wine ministry is one that does not require a lot of work. Volunteers would provide wine for Eucharist (foundation in ancient times when people brought gifts to the church). For guidelines, volunteers are asked to contact Julie Hill.

At this time Fr. Ken excused himself to preside at a funeral.

Old Business:

1) Bulletin collections reporting - a suggestion was made to have a more concrete breakdown of finances in the bulletin. This may encourage generosity especially when the collection is down. Good to see e-giving has been added. Question: Is it part of the total collection listed or in addition to the total? The financial statement should be more defined. Bill C. will provide a sample for Patty.

2) Liaison Committee - Committee met to finalize plan for Living Christ Encounters. About 30 attended the information night. The first training for team will be 6/30. The first men’s Encounter will be in October and the first Women’s will be in November. Council members are expected to participate. The Committee reviewed the “Called to Serve” document for Pastoral Councils and established some goals to be presented at future Parish Council meetings.

There was some dialogue about structure of the relationship of Liaison Committee (comprised of staff and council members) and the Parish Council. Some members expressed concern about council issues being discussed at Liaison before discussing at Council. Others expressed that the knowledge base and experience of staff can assist the process in Council. The benefit of the Liaison Committee is the ability to meet as often as needed to keep the momentum of the Council projects going.

It was agreed to establish guidelines for what is appropriate to be discussed at Liaison Committee and what stays in Council. With the use of the Called to Serve document, as we get more of a sense of our role, we need to establish some parameters.

3) School Board – They are in agreement about encouraging altar servers from the school at the church. Julie Hall will visit the school in August to establish a relationship for service in the church.

Heard it in the Pews

- **Eucharist** – Have we had any dialogue regarding species of the Eucharist? Has there been any consideration to using the host instead of bread? Sometimes the bread is much too hard for people to eat. Where does the Vatican stand on this? Also, is there a specific guideline for sacramental wine? **Carmen and John** will speak to Julie about this.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Next gathering is Fellowship Picnic on 7/23 and Parish Council Meeting on 7/24

Question of the Week: Scott

Food for meeting: Linda/Carmen

Closing Prayer: Shorty

Picnic List: Dave

Secretary in Mary's absence: Paul

Respectfully submitted by *Mary Chapman, Secretary*