

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

March 27, 2010

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

Meeting Convened at: 8:40am

Council Members Present: Scott Wood, Barbara Tucci, John Lockwood, Carmen Lane, Rafael Benet, Tina Wandersee, Bill Collins, Dave Dwyer, Bill Burke, Linda Wahlert, and Staff Guest: John Chesney, Shorty Melendez

Pastor Updates:

Formal Adoption of New Parish Mission Statement

- Father said hello but had to step out due to a funeral.
- A motion made by Bill Collins to accept the mission statement, seconded by Bill Burke.

New Business:

Welcoming John Chesney (Dave asked John to tell us a little about what he does.)

- Overseeing St. Michael Hall since Feb. 2004
- Pleased to talk with us... feels he is here for the Parish and makes himself available to all and he feels he is a steward working for the parish.
- **Use of the hall:** The vision for SMH was to make sure SMH is well taken care of as it is passed from group to group. John let us know that how the hall would be used, originally came from Parish Council and Pastor and if there are any changes to how the hall is used in the future he feels it will come from Parish Council and Pastor as well.
- **Managing of hall:** He spent some time telling us of the day to day managing of the hall.

Questions for John Chesney:

- **Who keeps the schedule of the hall?** PDS System... Hart and John both have access... scheduling first come first served basis. Every ministry has a head of ministry (usually a Staff Member) and they contact John Chesney for scheduling.
- **Scheduling of SMH for retreats?** We can have access of the calendar for retreat planning and get with John without the need of a staff member... if you are sitting on a sub-committee.
- **Hall is sub-dividable; multiple groups can use the hall at the same time?** Yes... if the hall is taken for RCIA then John will tell ministry groups that the hall can be used by them in another room. Those from outside would be told that the hall is booked.
- **How many non-parishioners rent hall?** Has data on ministry non-ministry events but not non-parishioner – snapshot he offered was: 29 church/ministry events (Sept. 2009), (Oct. 2009) 28 church/ministry and 1 outside, Nov. 25/2
- **Do you think rentals are affecting the use of the hall for ministries?** Doesn't feel this is so... biggest use of the hall is for POF and LOC. He feels the hall is

available for ministries, and he offers that they get together with him to look at the calendar.

- **Is there a calendar available for use by the Retreat Team so that they might be able to plan retreats?** Yes, but he would prefer to be contacted personally.
- **We need access to the PDS schedule...** we request to have access to this calendar not to add to the calendar but to view it for planning purposes. Misconception of access of hall due to miscommunication about scheduling and this could be avoided with access to the schedule.
- **Many thanks to John for the great work that he does and giving us a picture of what he does.** John offers his help with retreats and would be willing to sit on the committee to answer scheduling questions.

Dates for future council meetings:

We spent time discussing dates for upcoming council events. Father will have to give his approval to the following suggestions:

- Shorty asks for us to pick a Saturday a month and stick with it month to month. Wants consistency. The best suggestion seems to be 4th week.
- With this in mind the following dates have been suggested: April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August (no date selected due to Annual Discernment), September 25. Again, we are waiting for Father to finalize this.

Old Business:

Special Religious Education

- Recruiting people to be special friends, sponsors, catechists, with those with special needs.
- Christa Blomstrom and Dave Dwyer working with this.
- Looking for volunteer catechists who will make a commitment to form a community with those with special needs... 10 ppl in the catechesis role. Looking to do this in Spanish as well... 10 additional ppl would be needed from the Spanish-speaking Community.
- An invitation was given for those interested in attending an Accessibility Summit in Washington DC on 4/23-24... for those interested, feel free to go... would like to send a small delegation to this event... contact Christa or Dave.
- **Facility needs assessment:** Week after Easter Father will speak from the pulpit after each Mass on April 11 about the need to make the parish barrier free and possibly an addition to the worship center, accessible bathrooms and extra meeting spaces, etc. April 18th Council will be at tables after the Masses:

Sat. 5:00pm Barbara & Bill B.

Sun. 8:00am Dave D. & Linda

10:00am Scott & Shorty

2:00pm Rafael & Carmen

4:00pm Bill C. & Mary

Staff Liaison Report:

- Liaison committee... inviting people to a meeting April 17, Sat. morning, to form a brainstorming group for Retreat Planning.
- Need a blurb in the bulletin to announce the meeting as a way to invite anyone who may be interested in this.

Ministry Reports – *assignment refreshers*:

(See list from By-Laws)

- **Adult Faith** – Barbara
- **Liturgy/Worship** – Barbara / Shorty
- **Social Ministry** – Linda / Carmen
- **Youth Ministry** – John L. / Paul
- **Administration** – Bill C / Mary / Barbara
- **School** – Bill B / Bill C
- **Spanish-speaking Community** – Tina / Scott

A concern was voiced about the website not being kept up to date.

Next Meeting: April 24

Food: Bill Collins

Question of the Week: Shorty Melendez

Closing Prayer: Bill B.

Staff Guest: Hart Smith

Meeting Ended: ?

Respectfully Submitted in the Absence of Mary Chapman,

Tina Wandersee