

Parish Council

"We find Christ here. We bring Christ to the World."

Minutes of May 22, 2010 Meeting

Meeting began at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present: Fr. Ken, Barbara Tucci, Tina Wandersee, Rafael Benet, John Lockwood, Paul Tartabini, Linda Wahlert, Dave Dwyer, Bill Collins, Bill Burke, Shorty Melendez, Mary Chapman

Pastor Updates:

- **New Staff Positions** – Fr. is thankful for the service of Mary Ann Steigelman. Tina Wandersee has accepted the position of **Social Ministry Coordinator**. We are thankful for Tina's service on Parish Council. With Donna Gauthier's retirement, Carla Weimer has taken the position of **Administrative Assistant**. Fr. has developed a new position of **Liturgy Coordinator**. Julie Hall has been appointed to this position. She comes to us with a Masters degree in Theology and will be overseeing all liturgical functions in the parish. This will be a part-time position. Again Fr. Ken expressed his gratitude for the service of these individuals.
- **School Staff Changes** – Sr. John Paul will be leaving OLMC. She has been reassigned to St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville. This is a normal rotation for Sr. John Paul as she has been at OLMC 6 years. Sr. Dominic will be the new principal.
- **Facilities Needs Assessment** – Fr. Ken provided Council members with a packet comprised of all communication he has received regarding this endeavor. Fr. will have Patti e-mail current financial information.
- **Sound system** – We have a bid and are now checking another company. A Bose representative will come in a few weeks so that we can test out another system. The concert raised about \$1,000. To this point there has been about \$5,000-6,000 collected towards the system. We need about \$12,000 or more so Fr. asks for continued prayer.

Old Business:

1) Liaison Committee Report - Moving forward with planning retreat experiences of "Living Christ Encounters". June 9 is the information night for all interested in serving on team. Hoping to have 40 participants at a time at these encounters. The team sessions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Michael Hall. Format for the encounters will be Friday night gathering and dinner and all day Saturday to end with 5:00 Mass celebration.

Next Liaison Committee meeting is June 7 at 4:00 p.m. @ Carmel Center.

- 2) Disabilities Team** – Thanks to Christa and Fr. Ken, the SPRED program training will be at OLMC on 7/30-7/31. This is a way to form a community of adult catechists for people with special needs. This could potentially be something to spread to other parishes. These trained individuals would serve as "Helper Catechists".
- 3)** Mary to contact Hart for PDS training. Mary to follow up on Diocesan Photo Directive for web page.
- 4) Staff visits to PC meetings** – Invite staff members to meetings. Recommendation to set up a schedule of staff visits beginning with those who have not had an opportunity first. It's

important to stay in touch so we can stay in tune with changes and be aware of each others functions in the parish.

Ministry Reports

1. **Liturgy/Worship** – There have been no gatherings. Julie Hall takes over as coordinator on June 1st. Her role will encompass coordination of Hospitality, Altar Servers, Holy Cards, Eucharistic Ministers...all things Liturgy
2. **Social Ministry** - farewell for Mary Ann and Donna is on Sunday 5/23. Linda is looking forward to working with Tina in this ministry
3. **Adult/Family Faith Formation** – Next AFF meeting is 5/3 @ 6:30 p.m.
 - a) **Men’s Book Study** – Starts 6/5 and will meet every 2 weeks in Manion Hall. They are reading “Be a Man” by Fr. Larry Richards. This book deals with encouragement for men and their walk with Christ. There will be a discussion group.
 - b) **Great Adventure Bible Study** – It is an intergenerational Bible Study for children, youth and adults. Parish is looking into offering this Bible study and it will likely begin after the summer.
 - c) **Eucharistic Minister Training** takes place Tuesday 5/25
4. **School News** - 3 of the Sisters have been reassigned for the regular rotation. Question about paver sales – pavers not being sold at the school because of conflict with sale of handprint tiles. Still considered 2 different things. Pavers commemorate deceased loved ones. Name plates will be placed this summer. Exploring the possibility of pre-engraved plates on purchased niches (could be a good marketing tool)
5. **Administration**-Mary will keep checking on photo directive. There’s a lot of life in our parish and we want others to see. Barbara will invite Eileen to the next Liaison meeting. Fr. would like to see content on pages “under construction”. A welcoming web page will draw people to OLMC.
6. **Hispanic Community** – Fr. Patrick Keyes to preside at Mass on 5/23. There are 3 confirmations and 6 First Communions. There will be a Pot Luck after the Mass. Mother’s Day blessing and gift well received. The moms were touched by the effort.

New Business

Discernment of new PC members – with the end of terms for Dave Dwyer, Bill Burke, John Lockwood and Tina Wandersee, Fr. Ken will be providing a discernment opportunity for persons interested in serving on the Parish Council. Fr. will set up the session for late July, early August. **(a week later, Fr. provided date of 7/10 from 9:00-12:00)**. Fr. asks for prayer for this process. **Any confirmed parishioner 18 or over is eligible**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35. Next meeting is 6/26.

Question of the Week: Dave

Food: Barbara

Closing Prayer: Shorty

Respectfully submitted by Mary Chapman, Secretary