

Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Rick led the prayer.

Present:

Fr. Rick, Lynn Ferguson, Gene Nasal, Marilyn Bafunno, Anne Gagne, Jim Leonard, Fio Valmassoi, Tim Stokes, Alice Cordavado and Paulette Gildersleeve.

Acceptance of Minutes from May 28, 2009 Meeting:

Jim Leonard made motion to accept minutes, Fio Valmassio second motion.

Additions to Agenda:

Tim Stokes - Fr. Rick invited Mr. Stokes to speak to the council regarding establishing a Parish Value Statement.

Introductions:

New Parish Council members Mr. Jim Leonard and Mrs. Alice Cordavado were welcome and each member present introduced themselves.

Commission Reports:

Young Adults No report.

Worship Commission - Anne Gagne

Mrs. Gagne wished the Parish Council a happy summer.

Christian Service Commission - Marilyn Bafunno

No meeting held this month. Reported that the Creative Hands had 15 participants in June.

Stewardship Commission No report.

Education/Bible School - Tim Stokes

Mr. Stokes spoke with a parish member, Dave Smith, regarding dividers for the classrooms. Ford Motor is moving out of 2 buildings within 30 - 60 days and expects to have dividers by the 1st of September, 2009. Once dividers are received, they will need to be installed.

Vacation Bible School - This has been postponed until the week of July 20 - 24, 2009. There were 22 children registered, then 3 families dropped out due to vacation plans. Hoping to have more children registered.

Parish Value Statement - Mr. Stokes attended a course at Sacred Heart Seminary. During the course he was asked to bring in The Voice of St. Roch church paper to see if there is a mission statement. It has a mission statement but not a vision statement. Explained to the parish council what a vision statement is, what a mission statement is and what a value statement is. Mr. Stokes presented sample statements to the council. He also brought in charts from another parish on how different commissions are organized. Mr. Stokes asked the commission chairpersons to think about and start to organize a chart and determine what fits where. The example from St. Daniel parish shows updated charts stapled to Parish Council meeting minutes. This would allow all parish members to see who is in charge and involved and if they would like to be involved in an organization who to contact. This would be done monthly since each organization's members could change on a monthly basis. The organization charts would be stapled to the parish council meeting minutes each month. All parish groups/organizations within parish would have their own mission statement. Fr. Rich asked all Commission Chairs to list who does what and have it in by the end of July. Then Mr. Stokes will work on this and have charts ready for the September Parish Council Meeting. Question asked who will update charts when there is a change. Mr. Stokes explained either himself or Theresa Griffin would make the necessary updates. A

suggestion was made to have a find a Volunteer Coordinator to assist in coordinating and finding volunteers for projects. Another suggestion made is to have a way to introduce new parish members, either ask to have them introduce themselves after birthdays and anniversaries or sponsor a dinner for them every few months.

Vicariate Pastoral Council Report

Fr. Rick reported 70 people attended the government jobs seminar held on June 10, 2009.

Old Business:

Tithe on Yearly Basis

Fr. Rick would like keep this on the table for further discussion. It was discussed that an ad hoc committee under Christian Service could be formed to determine which organizations would receive donated funds. Fr. Rick would like the Parish Council to begin discussing this in September 2009. The tithing percentage could start at 2% or 3%.

Installation of Pipe Organ

The week of July 6, 2009, electrical work will begin. The week of July 13, 2009, the uninstillation and reinstallation of the organ will begin. There will be a dedication ceremony the weekend of August 15 and 16, 2009. The time for the dedication has not been determined yet.

New Business:

Parish Council Officer Elections:

Election of Officers will be in September.

Remodeling of Old Church:

Parish Council will need to start looking into this project. Need to look at raising funds and finding an architect, etc. St. Roch will need a 100% of the fund per the Archdiocese of Detroit to begin this project. Fr. Rick would like to start discuss in September regarding this. Fr. Rick reported that Theresa Griffin feels confident that the rectory could run the pledge drive for this project. A feasibility committee will need to be started. Lynn Ferguson reported so far \$95,000 has been raised. Mr. Ferguson suggested that Tim Stokes present the idea of the remodeling project to the families who participate in Religious Education to see if there is support for this project. Mr. Stokes will present it to them at the Religious Ed Open House. Fundraising was discussed, possibly an auction.

Parish Council Drawing Order:

Fr. Rick presented the order of the Parish Council drawing done May 31, 2009 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

1. Fio Valmassoi
2. Jim Leonard
3. Alice Cordavado
4. Bob Schaffer
5. Amanda Malcho
6. Marilyn Bafunno
7. Patrice McAullife
8. Dan Bafunno

Fr. Rick thanked those who ran for the Parish Council.

Next Agenda Meeting: Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer:

Fr. Rick led the prayer.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paulette Gildersleeve