

St. Cecilia Parish Council Minutes
January 7, 2008

Present: Dan Herrick, Father Mike Byron, Mary Pat Dunlap, Eileen Kjorstad, Frank Ling, Mary Ellen Ryan, Mary Kay Metz, Maureen Riedl, Ellen Fischer, Mary Pat Roberts, Rex Singer, Meghan Harlander.

Father Mike called the meeting to order. Mary Kay led us in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Further discussion on the Keystone Project is delayed until next month.

Mary Ellen questioned when the Mission Statement disappeared in the bulletin. To be determined and discussed further.

Father Mike has formed an oversight committee initiative to review overall church office policies regarding money flow and accountability, job descriptions, accounts and auditing to ensure we are performing all required due diligence as per GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). The small oversight group members are Frank Ling, Paul Braun, Maureen Riedl and Charlie Keffer. They will be interviewing the staff individually to gather required information and provide recommendations within the next couple of months. Staff reaction has been positive.

Discussion continues about the Financials as reported in the weekly bulletin. What do the numbers tell us and is all the information necessary?

Father wants the Parish Council to be an integrated force of the parish. More consultative, more involved. He has requested our input: what could we do better, how do we feel about our roles? Frank will look into a council member job description and/or responsibilities. Father is looking for structure. Who we are and what we do. Father would like suggestions from us for how to proceed. Mary Kay Metz, Dan Herrick and Mary Ellen Ryan agreed to form a sub-group to provide information about how we as a parish council should function. From this discussion we moved on to the Council minutes. Mary Pat Dunlap suggested the minutes be sent to all members prior to the meeting. This would give us an opportunity to review/reflect on items or issues prior to the next Council meeting.

Additional items discussed: The need to update the photos of new council members on the parish board. There were suggestions to: close a portion of the council meeting to discuss particular matters; have other parish committees provide minutes of their activities to the council; review minutes and/or other documents prior to posting on the parish website.

We closed in prayer. Our next meeting has been rescheduled to February 12, 2008.

Mary Kay Metz and Mary Ellen Ryan provided refreshments for the evening.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Kjorstad