

St. Cecilia's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2011

Attending: Karen Linn, Dick McCarthy, Father Mike, Sue Peterson, Don Tienter, Jorge Ulate, Joe Hamel, Lee LaRock, Joe Bower, Dave Picard, Gayle Geber, Will Berigan, Maureen Riedl, Julie Michels

- The meeting was called to order by Karen.
- Committee chairs had been invited and everyone introduced themselves.
- Dave led the reflection
- Reviewed and approved the agenda and September minutes
- Reviewed the minute schedule
- Parish Committee updates were by the respective committee chairs that were in attendance:

Finance Committee:

- Update by Will Berigan, committee chair.
- Will met with the Finance Committee. Committee has several new members this year. Will is impressed with the talent of the committee members.
- Will is reviewing and familiarizing himself with the general finance process and procedures of the Parish.
- Committee discussed meeting with Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) of the Archdiocese. CCF is a group that assists parishes in establishing bequeaths from their parishioners,
- Will Berigan will be meeting with bank to review current building loan.

Community Life:

- Update by Patty Cibuzar, committee chair.
- Community Life Committee has met once already this year.
- Next event is fall pot luck dinner Oct 30th with the focus of dinner being welcoming new parishioners.
- Events planned for the year include: Hospitality after Advent events, Lady's Ornament exchange, Hat & Mitten Collection, and are discussing a winter event.

Parish Dinner:

- Update by Mary Pat Zwack, committee chair.
- Parish Dinner planned for February 19
- Is coordinating with Shared Ministry Committee on Centennial related events that will be part of the Parish Dinner.
- Plan to raise the cost per plate from \$8 to \$9 to help offset food costs. It has been several years since there was a price increase.
- Plan to set raffle ticket price at \$2 instead of \$1 and distribute half as many tickets. This will cut printing and mailing expenses.

- Plan to make raffle tickets initially available to parishioners at church for pickup rather than just mailing them all out, again to save postal costs.
- Raffle prizes set: 42" TV, Ipod Touch, Bed & Breakfast getaway.
- Discussed new MN State "Lunch Lady Law" requiring all churches (organizations) serving dinners to have those in charge of serving certified in food safety. Julie Michels is going to research and gather further information.

Shared Ministry:

- Michelle Roman is the chair
- Update by Dave Picard, parish council liaison.
- Reviewed general goals of Shared Ministry Committee: annual Ministry Fair, new parishioner outreach, oversight of Parish Centennial sub-committees.
- Provided a list of Centennial activities and events planned.
- Question was raised regarding the definition of a "registered parish member". What is the difference between those actually living within the parish boundaries, those living outside the parish boundaries, and how does that difference effect St. C's? Maureen Riedl was going to enquire and provide an update at the next council meeting.

Liturgy Committee:

- Linda Beckman is the chair
- Update by Joe Bower, parish council liaison.
- Received new Hymnals.
- Getting set for Liturgy transition with Bulletin inserts and announcements.
- Discussed issue of Acolytes not showing up as scheduled or not getting a substitute if they can't make it. Suggested that if someone misses three times, that they be removed from the active Acolyte schedule.

Faith Formation:

- Update by Gayle Geber, new committee chair.
- FF Committee is brainstorming speakers and topics for Whole Community events.
- Set high level guidelines for speakers.
- Have 36 kids in the Good Shepherd program, 10 at Cabrini.

Social Justice Committee:

- Update by Ellen Coffey, committee chair.
- Getting 120 glass plates by newlyweds, John and Caitlin, need to send them a thank you note.
- Getting connected with Keystone for dialog regarding our relationship and to review how people we refer to them are being served.
- Gerry and Lorraine Sande are stepping down from Food Drive, need to find replacement leadership.

- Currently sending monetary donations to Haiti through the Catholic Relief Services. Need further Parish discussion on re-establishing our relationship with Haiti.

Youth Faith Formation:

- Update by Tim Skinner, Youth Faith Formation Coordinator.
- Setting up Website and blog to build communication and continuity with youth.
- Setting up schedules for youth group activities, peer ministry, and confirmation.
- Working with Ellie Barrett to integrate youth activities with Whole Community.

Pastor Report

- Project Home – request by Kate O’Connell that St Cecelia’s be more involved. Possibly being a host site for families.
- Made decision to host local AA group on Thursdays, possibly up to three meetings on that day.

Physical Plant – Building maintenance.

- Joe Bower provided update.
- Various projects and maintenance have occurred over the summer i.e. painting, plaster repair.
- Having minor water leaking issues, especially around back door of kitchen. Need to explore repair costs and long term / short term solutions.

Parish Nursery

- Joe Bower provided update.
- Based on outcome of survey there is not a mandate to establish a nursery at this time.

Next meeting on November 10, 2011.

Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by Don Tienter