

Saint Cecilia's Parish Council Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Thursday, September 3, 2009
7 PM

Opening Prayers:

- Father Mike opened with a prayer

Review and Approve Agenda and Minutes:

- No meeting minutes available to approve from last meeting Those minutes will be brought to the October meeting for review and approval
- Agenda was approved as is

Pastor Report:

- Personnel Committee: It will meet on September 8, 2009 to review the existing job descriptions. This is the anticipated final step in the consideration and refinement of the Liturgical and Pastoral job descriptions. It is anticipated that these will be brought forth to the parish council for final review at a future parish council meeting.
- New Microphone System will be installed : Funding came from the music gift fund
- Father Mike will be gone the month of January: It is a trip to Israel
- Saint Cecilia's will have a talent night on November 22 as proposed by Jeanne Dold. Performance will not be on site at the church.
- Letter from Arch Bishop Nienstedt was received. It stated that there will be not glass vessels allowed at Eucharist so that there is no chance of the vessels breaking and spilling the body and blood. The Liturgy Committee will be addressing this.

Council Meeting Format:

- Mary Kay sent around a checklist to verify everyone email address

Parish Needs Assessment: Committee is meeting second week of September

- The process is in place and it will be rolled out soon:
Parish Survey will be conducted first
Follow up will be focus groups to explore topics of the survey in more detail.

Finance Committee Report:

- Charlie reported in on the finances. Budget sheets were handed out. The parish continues to have positive balances.
See budget sheets for details

Archdiocesan Planning Committee:

- Working sessions will take place to better understand the changing demographics of the congregation and develop plans to address the differences. These process outcomes will invigorate and revitalize the long range plan of the parish
- Fr. Mike will speak to this at the September 13 masses.
Bulletin information should follow on September 20
- Handout was distributed that outlined what the sessions would involve at the different churches. Schedule of different dates and locations were also available. The meetings attended by some indicated that the format is engaging and soliciting of the participants and the Archdiocesan representative was seeking to understand and listen to the concern of all.
- Members of the parish council were encouraged to attend one of the meetings.

Parish Committed Updates

- All parish council members signed up to be on a committee.
- Invitations to the committee chairs will go out to attend the November meeting of the council
- Parish Dinner committee continues to meet to refine assignments and responsibilities. A large number of parishioners have shown interest. Update to follow at October meeting.
- Liturgy committee will be meeting in the middle of September
- Centennial Celebration is being initiated by Sheila Boos. She has access to looks of pictures and stories to kick this off. A more formal committee will be formed. Need to establish a schedule to allow people to get involved

Parish Guidelines/Procedures

- Alcohol Policy Deferred to October meeting
- Mary Kay to talk with Paula about Key/Security and locking of the church.
Update to follow

These are the notes as represented by my documenting the meeting discussion and listening. Please modify , clarify or suggest to make them a more complete document of our conversation during the meeting