

St. Cecilia's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2011

Attending: Don Tienter, Jorge Ulate, Joe Hamel, Lee LaRock, Dave Picard, Karen Linn, Dick McCarthy, Father Mike, Keith Phelps, Sue Peterson, Gayle Geber, Kaye Stennes, Will Berigan, Maureen Riedl.

- The meeting was called to order by Karen.
- Lee led the reflection
- Father introduced Will Berigan as the new Finance Committee Chair
- Reviewed and approved the agenda and June minutes
- Reviewed the minute schedule
- Pastor report:
 - Committee organizing the Centennial celebration. Starting series of celebrations in about 6 months
 - New youth minister hired – Tim Skinner
 - The Council discussed who is responsible for grades 6, 7 and 8 - Faith Formation and/or Youth Ministry. A preliminary recommendation is that 6th, 7th and 8th falls within Faith Formation, while 9-12th within Youth Ministry. It was suggested that the youth minister organizes some activities for 6th-8th as a way to bridge the two groups and facilitate the transition after 8th grade. A motion was made to revisit this in October and to request feedback from Cindy. The two options to be considered: 1) Complete separation between Faith Formation (6-8th) and Youth Ministry (9-12); 2) Provide Youth Ministry to 6-8th.
- No report on Nursery
- Parish Committee Updates:

Faith Formation:

- The Good Shepherd program has been successful. Some families want to continue. Cabrini is willing to take kids for a cost of \$70. Participating in this program is optional for the St. Cecilia's families, but they would have to cover the cost. One question being addressed is how to take this to higher grades? It was suggested to involve parents to help define Faith Formation for children.
- Whole Community will be done 2 Sundays and 2 Wednesday per month
- Faith Formation is a standing committee to the Council
- Brad has resigned as Faith Formation Committee head
- Gayle G. has offered to chair this committee
- Recommendation is to allow the committee to choose the chair

Finance Committee:

- Will has met with Charlie to transition
- Finance Committee will meet the first Thursday of the month.

Community Life:

- Kaye will be the new liaison to this committee.
- Ready for Ministry Fair this Sunday
- Potluck in October
- Discussed plans for December: ornament exchange and Advent evening prayer

Liturgy Committee:

- Set for new translations of the prayers. Working with St. Thomas Moore. Will get new Hymnals, with minimal impact to our budget.
- St. Katharine Drexel is taking the current hymnals. We are getting rid of the old St. Cecilia's hymnals.

Social Justice Committee:

- The relationship with Keystone was discussed. People that we have sent there have not been served. It was suggested to reconsider the monetary support. Need to revisit our relationship with Keystone. A motion was made to have the Social Justice chair to follow up with Keystone.
- Maureen to ask Gerry and Lorraine about the Food Drive leadership
- The rector at the Haiti Cathedral wants to re-connect with St. Cecilia. Joe to follow up on the letter and discussion within the committee.

Shared Ministry:

- Michelle Roman is the chair

Centennial:

- Multiple activities are being planned. A list was handed out by Dave P.
- Having a new directory was discussed
- There will probably be a picnic organized

Parish Dinner:

- Planned for February 19
 - Mary Pat Zwack is the chair
 - First meeting in two weeks
- A motion was made to have no break for treats during the Parish Council meetings. If someone wants to bring treats, they will be consumed during the meeting.

Next meeting on October 13, 2011.

Adjourned at 8:46 pm

Submitted by Jorge Ulate