

St. Cecilia Parish Council Minutes

11-5-07

Attendance: Paula Almer, David Eggenberger, Sheila Boos, Mary Kay Metz, Meghan Harlander, Dan Herrick, Mary Ellen Ryan, Dan Delanis, Fr. Byron, Frank Ling, Mary Pat Dunlap (I think others may have come a bit late, but I failed to note names).

Meghan called the meeting to order, and Dan D. led us in prayer.

The minutes from October were approved after correcting the meeting date to Oct. 1, 2007, and adding that Ellie Barrett requested that a survey be done regarding need and direction for faith formation in our parish.

Fr. Mike brought a proposal for the council to consider. He has been a part of a coalition of ministers from 23 faith communities in the SAP area, and that group proposes using Keystone as a central referral point for the many requests each church fields for social services and assistance. There was discussion about what we have done historically and currently when people request financial assistance, and also that there is no policy that addresses who should get how much assistance. We also discussed use of the alms box monies for this project. We discussed the merits of being a source of support for individuals who are used to coming to us, and who may not go to an “agency” due to mental health issues or other reasons. We agreed as a group to invite Keystone reps and our social justice committee to come to our next meeting for further discussion. We would need to commit a specific amount of money to this program, and put it into the budget. We would also need to decide whether this would be our sole way of dealing with requests, or whether we would continue having some resources available on-site.

The finance report was that we are generally in good shape for this point in the year. There was a lot of discussion about how the finances are reported in the bulletin. This matter was referred to the finance committee for discussion/resolution.

Social Justice will host a potluck dinner Nov. 18th.

St. C's has committed to paying \$6000 to various parishes to guarantee in-parish tuition rates for our parishioners who have their children in Catholic schools.

RCIA candidates are numerous and enthusiastic! Confirmation candidates are also numerous, and will be presented 11-11-07.

We closed in prayer.

Thanks to Meghan and Dan D for treats and prayers. **Our next meeting is Jan. 7, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted by Mary Pat Dunlap