

**St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Oct. 25, 2007**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

**Opening Prayer:** J. Dunlap, Sir. 35: 12-14,16-18.

**Roll Call:** Present: L. Contorno, L. Bixby, R. Varner, Fr. Bob, J. Dunlap, J. Morgen, D. Gresser  
Excused: M. Schoendorf, P. Mc Fadzen, E. Belongea, B. Larson, J. Davies, A. Kluz, L. Miller,  
A. Scheuber

**Approval of the Agenda:** After adding Deb Gresser on a Justice issue to Committee reports the agenda approval motion was made by J. Dunlap, and seconded by R Varner, all approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes was moved by J. Dunlap and was seconded by L Contorno.

**Voice of the People:** None

**Key Topic:** Rose Schreiber and Sonja Halverson from Human Concerns Committee attended to report on the status of the Human Concerns Committee. Here are the highlights:

- The Marriage Support Program is sponsoring “The Most Important 8 Minutes of Each Day.
- Marriage Retreat will be held Jan/Feb (date unclear) at Redemptorist Retreat Center.
- Bereavement Ministry in place helps to plan funerals and socials.
- Child Abuse protection program is in place and held by Carl and Mary Jo Niemec. Deals with internet and drug and alcohol abuse. On April 13<sup>th</sup> will be holding a panel of 4 experts on creating a strong foundation in families.
- St Ben’s meal program serves 450—Judy Reichow delivers donated bread to Milwaukee for same.
- Layette, St Ben’s, timely emergencies-all benefit from Jeri Roder’s clothing exchange—all work together.
- Loaves and Fishes—3<sup>rd</sup> WEEKEND supports food pantries such as St Ben’s and KM Food Pantry
- Evangelization Ministry—Committee has called 15 people each to invite them back. KM has asked to use our church for a concert.
- Wales Boys School—Fr Bob’s Ministry—Goes 2x per month at 5:30pm for mass, interviews all residents identifying themselves as Catholic. Approx 2-12 attend mass at a time.
- Guatemala Ministry, presented by Sonja—Groups from outside St. Paul’s are aware of Guatemala program and as a result we have received full teams worth of soccer uniforms and shoes. Also ministry is receiving sporting goods and school supplies. The youth are amazingly interested. Truckloads arrive for Guatemalans, and youth still arrive to pack boxes. Christ our Peace and St Paul’s will be soon entering a covenantal agreement, which will enrich our relationship. The scholarship program is being affected by the fact that 38 yr. old Sr. Carmela has TB. John asked if youth has been connected and engaged

enough in this program. Rose feels that with Janet Shanahan and Amy Golden working together, this connection will be strengthened.

- Reformation Lutheran Dinner Auction is Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at a church in Wauwatosa—all are invited.
- St Michael's Church—represented by 5 nationalities. Mary Drout is in charge of this ministry—she has used her Religious Ed. position to connect the children to this ministry.
- Parish Nurse—Mary Kurkewicz
- Nursing Home Services -Jean Vincenzi
- Avalon Ministry-Len and Sonja do a prayer service where the saint of the day changes.
- Communion to the Sick—Lisa discussed her management of resources.
- Ecumenical ministry—planning an ecumenical Thanksgiving service with All Saints Lutheran Church.
- Interfaith—We are official partners with this outreach program for the elderly in the Waukesha area—serves as a connector for elderly to receive basic services.
- Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha—has moved—now occupies the funeral home building across from Westbrook plaza. Teri Bahl is St. Paul's liaison. Supports St Mathias food program, clothing closet.
- Mt Mere coffee supports growers in Tanzania.
- Thanksgiving Baskets—Rosemary McCarthy does this—prepares 35 turkey baskets.
- Giving Tree this year will have 1000 ornaments; last year we had 850. Catholic Charities, Penfield, and Waukesha County Family Support uses us to meet their wish lists.
- Heavenly Babies-Recently received a \$2500. grant from Archdiocese for their work. Parents' place gave an excellent reference, which helped. They do 35 layettes per year.
- Parish Breakfast—Mary Fenton—does a fabulous job. They do not quite break even. Suggestion was made to create a humorous sign to inform people of the need to cover expenses through their donations.
- Advocacy—Helen Bader Foundation-Advocacy group—works with organizations involved in Guatemala. (This was a slightly different issue concerning Justice.)
- Advocacy"Common Ground for SE Wisconsin" has a meeting on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> to pare down social issues to approximately 4-5. They have hired a consultant to make their planning work. Marquette, Mt Mary and other colleges are major sponsors.

**Secretary's Report/Correspondence**—Mary Kral has accepted the post of Prayer and Worship chair. Lucille has updated Flow Chart

**Consensus:** None

**New Business:**

1) Retreat Follow Up groups reports; our retreat produced the identification of two major goals: Nurture Our Faith Community through a call to a deeper Christian commitment; to make St Paul's a more viable parish. This will occur through liturgies, education, stewardship, evangelization, and social justice. This will be measured through attendance at mass and other events, involvement, enrollment, time, talent, and treasure commitments. Communication will occur through meetings with committee members, followed by a presentation at common

meeting night. Committees will be asked to develop their goals and action items to meet the stated goal. Council liaison will report to Parish Council the results and measurements of progress and success.

B) Ensure the engagement, development and support of qualified and energized leaders to provide for the growth and vibrancy of the whole parish.

Engage by searching and finding people with gifts that match the leadership tasks.

Develop by training to perform their tasks.

Support for leaders by Council, staff, community and organizational structure.

All of this will result in an engaged community, and success will be measured by: Increased mass attendance by 20%; youth involvement increased by 20%, all committees have people in leadership in all positions.

Plans to implement the above include the following: Establishing a set of youth leadership directives within 6 months, establish a leadership mentoring program by June 2008 through development of guidelines for leadership responsibilities, buddy systems, and succession co-chairs.

Also there is a plan to create a leadership development program by Feb 2008.

Part of implementation is the option to use the Archdiocesan committee structure information booklet, the Jim Collins book "Good to Great," use common meeting night to share more regarding goals, and also for brief information sharing sessions on leadership concerns and development.

2) Annual Meeting: Attendance was low, which is typical. No particular concerns voiced.

3) Saint Paul's Feast Day—Jan 26, 2008 is the feast of Conversion of St Paul. We may want to make special plans for that celebration? Prayer & Worship will make plans after they have completed the Dedication and then Advent planning.

#### **Old Business:**

1) Time Capsule Contents-Dedication booklet to be added after the dedication. Any other necessary items? This appears to be wrapped up.

2) Mission Statement- Recapped in dedication booklet. Still need to decide best way to use 3000 copies printed. Plan is to alert all of the committees that we have these copies, which could be incorporated into a liturgy or program.

3) Eucharist Adoration Update—A parishioner has underwritten the cost of adapting the old altar top as a permanent decoration supporting the tabernacle in the reservation chapel.

4) Retreat Impressions: the Adoration component brought together the concept of leadership and prayer. We are trying to schedule our retreat for next year. Will inform council on options next meeting. Council choose Oct. 17&18, 2008 at the Redemptorist. Lisa will arrange to make a down payment.

**Committee Reports:** No comments (Deb gave her report on Social Justice with the Human Concerns report.)

**Pastor's Report:** Kneelers will be in 98% of pews by Sunday's mass. Fr Bob read a letter from John Boldt of Boldt Construction, which was essentially a summary of final costs. The letter

summarized the impact of the in-kind donations from many generous parishioners, and continued to explain that Boldt themselves had essentially written off \$246,520 in cost overruns. The letter explained that they wanted to meet and exceed our expectations. St Paul's will respond to the letter with an acknowledgement of the gift.

**Open Topic:** None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Lucille seconded by John Morgen.

**Final Prayer:** Lead by J. Dunlap – Psalm 34

**Minutes submitted by:** Lisa Bixby