

St. Paul Parish Council Unapproved Minutes
June 28, 2007 7:00 PM

Members present were: Bob Larson, Lillian Miller, Pete McFadzen, Lucille Contorno, Roger Varner, Al Kluz, Art Scheuber, John Morgen, Lisa Bixby, Julie Davies and, Jim Dunlap.
Excused were Eileen Belongea, Deb Gresser, Fr. Bob Gosma, and Mike Schoendorf.

Prayer: Lead by Lillian Miller using rocks to signify the idea that we are living stones being built into a spiritual house.

Motion to approve agenda- Agenda approved.

Motion to approve April and May minutes-Minutes approved.

Voice of the People- None.

Selection of officers-Lucille Contorno accepted her nomination as chairperson, Lisa Bixby as vice chair, and Peter McFadzen as secretary.

Selections of liaisons are as follows-

Prayer and Worship- Eileen Belongea
Human concerns- Bob Larson
Christian formation- Julie Davies
School Board- Art Scheuber
Administrative Services- Al Kluz
Archdiocesan Pastoral Council- Lisa Bixby
Transition team- Jim Dunlap and Lillian Miller
Evangelization- John Morgen
Where needed- Deb Gresser
Trustee/Treasurer- Mike Schoendorf
Trustee/Secretary- Roger Varner

Secretary's Report – Peter had nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

1. Mission statement revision- A small change was approved in dropping the “to” from worship, community and service and pacing it at the top after a people called in lower case. Everyone agreed that it looked very nice and was put together well.
2. No update yet on the Archdiocesan fund raising plan meeting.
3. Perpetual Adoration and Living stones memorial campaign discussions were tabled until Mike and Deb are present.
4. Galleria Board – will make changes to reflect Council changes in officers etc.
5. Peter gave a handout to everyone that goes along with the Parish Council questionnaire. In the interest of time any discussion was tabled.

6. Family fling- Everyone thought the family fling event was a success and John shared that people were very appreciative of being called and asked to attend. We all agreed we need more of these events. There was a suggestion of having a parish wide family picnic some time.
7. Al reported on school board brain storming session. Comments were made on the lost k-4 room. Discussion on who should do exit interviews. Should be an advocate for the parent/child leaving. Maybe not someone who may be biased. This would facilitate better feed back.

New Business:

1. The date of our next council meeting is set for July 26th. We feel there will be enough present for consensus.
2. A complete list of new officers and liaisons for all standing committees should be compiled and shared with everyone. John felt that council should facilitate good training for all committee officers.
3. Discussion on dedication party. Council feels it should not be too elaborate. Discussion on the RSVP's. Lucille and Jim will contact Bob with ideas.
4. Plans for parish council retreat- we need to get moving on this quite soon. A subcommittee was formed with Mike, Lisa, John and possibly Deb and Eileen.
5. Plans for what to put in our cornerstone were talked about; Father Bob has a list of ideas to start with that he will share. Art has been involved in a few of these. He will help coordinate this. We should all e-mail him with any ideas.
6. "Catch Faith Here", archdiocesan religious Ed. Conference Oct. 18-20, 2007. Lisa Bixby will e-mail information to everyone.

Committee Reports – members report on their committees.

Pastor's Report- None.

Thank you to Lisa for the terrific treats for our break, we are waiting on that recipe!

Open Topic- Lillian would like more formal dress for ushers and choir. Discussion ensued, no decision reached.

Ron Olson is leading us through a Five Year Goal Setting process. The categories we are considering are: Pastoral, Educational, and Administrative. He recommends 6-9 goals with 2-3 per category. He was unable to attend our meeting, so Lucille facilitated the second part of our five year goal setting and had us break into three groups for pastoral, educational and administrative goals. We spent about 30 minutes then came back together and presented our top choices for all three. The following the latest list.

PARISH COUNCIL FIVE YEAR PLAN- LONG RANGE GOALS (Enhanced June 28, 2007)

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1) Ongoing Leadership Development
 - a) Re-establish leadership in committees

- b) Create training in leadership for committee officers
 - c) Create an administrative process for training and renewal in committees
- 2) Communication
- a) Establish guidelines for communication (Surveys, focus groups, town meetings)
 - b) Include in training, methods of communication
 - c) Develop staff/committee relationship

EDUCATIONAL

- 1) Lifelong spiritual development and formation for all ages
- a) Monitor training of each age group through committees (Prayer and Worship, Christian Formation, School Board)
 - b) Educate parish concerning the sacraments (including the Eucharistic celebration and Eucharistic adoration)
 - c) Conduct an adult feedback survey
- 2) Youth engagement in the mission of the church
- a) Create a parish youth ministry (“CYO”)
 - b) Ensure youth engagement in parish ministries
 - c) Timely youth feedback surveys
 - d) Confirmation program (monitor effectiveness)

PASTORAL

- 1) To reinvigorate and strengthen our faith Community
- a) Enhancing the celebration of Eucharist
 - b) Being known as a welcoming, caring parish to all ages
 - c) Truly reaching out and participating in social justice/human concerns
- 2) Actions
- a) Foster Prayer and Worship Committee to build itself into a dynamic organization
 - b) Hire a full time pastoral associate
 - c) Create a hospitality committee
 - d) Create an active social justice committee

There will be further discussion and clarification at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn- approved

Meeting closed with prayer by Lillian, Ezekiel 11:19 –20 and the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter McFadzen