

St. Paul Parish Council Minutes
July 26, 2007 7:00 PM

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

Parish Council took a tour of the new Church led by Fr Bob. We all agreed it is going to be beautiful, and looks great already.

Prayer: Lead by Lucille Contorno from Luke 11: 1-13 using Ignatian prayer style.

Motion to approve agenda- Agenda approved.

Motion to approve June minutes-Minutes approved.

Voice of the People- None.

A decision on the mission statement was reached, we made some minor changes including adding the web site address, darkening the crosses between the statements, eliminating the pictures at the top and enlarging a few words.

Our key topic of the five year planning process will be tabled until the retreat to allow us time for reflection to define and refine our goals. Discussion was made on getting it to the committees so they can include the goals in their final plans.

Secretary's Report – Lucille handed out the new Council roster, assignment list for prayer and break, and up to date committee and ministries flow charts. Thank you to Lucille for the time and effort of putting that all together.

New Business:

1. Discussion on the transition to the new Pastor, a transition committee of 3-5 people to help with preparations may be necessary. Fr Bob feels it will go smoothly, saying that we have a great staff with lots of support and a solid parish.
2. The Parish council picnic is now scheduled for Thursday August 16th at 6:30 pm. Jim and Marcy Dunlap have graciously decided to host the picnic and we have all received the sign up sheet for goodies to bring.

Thank you to Eileen for the fabulous coffee and treats. We are quickly becoming spoiled by the tasty coffee.

Old Business:

1. Peter went through the parish council orientation questionnaire and I think everyone got something from it.

2. |Choices for dates were chosen for the Archdiocesan fund raising plan which are Sept 27th at 7:00 pm at the beginning of our council meeting or Common meeting night Sept 10th at 7:00 pm. We tentatively agreed to July of 2008 through December of 2008 for the fund raising period.
3. The living stones memorials and campaign are going very well with a new and final edition to be initiated in August.
4. Our parish council retreat will be at Redemptorist retreat center and Donna will facilitate. The date is October 12-13th.
5. Discussion on the contents of the cornerstone capsule was tabled until Art is present.
6. The “Catch Faith Here” conference on Oct 18-20 at Country Springs Hotel will be advertised on our website as well as the bulletin. Lisa is going to work to get the word out on this valuable conference.

Committee Reports – members report on their committees. Lillian gave us a very thorough report on the transition committee meeting she attended. Information can be found in the posted minutes.

Pastor’s Report- None.

Open Topic- Lillian would like more formal dress for ushers and choir. Discussion ensued, no decision reached. Lillian is concerned about this. It was decided that the committee liaison would pass along this info to the Prayer and Worship Committee and let them work it out.

Motion to adjourn- approved

Meeting closed with prayer by Lucille.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter McFadzen