

Parish Council Minutes

September 16, 2010

Members present: Pat Mercaitis, Jim McGrath, Steve Schwager, Father Weighner, Keith Neisius, Mark Forsythe, and Mark Grunwald.

Missing: Holly Nicholson, Patrick Nolan, Kerri Weber.

Opened with prayer and roll call.

Minutes were read and approved

Old Business:

- The update of sound systems is delayed because some of the equipment is on back order.
- A committee has been formed to build on and implement the Strategic Plan that was put together a few years ago. They will have their first meeting in October 2010. We expect them to come up with a longer range building and facilities plan.
 - Vision is for the PdC parishes to become one parish with 2 locations.
 - Building needs assessment and plan for the future, including whether or not we pursue building a gymnasium and any other building plans.
- Replacing members: We gave Father Weighner some more names to contact to see if they might be interested (Katie Fox and Charley Connell)
- You Program: Announcements will be made in the October bulletin for Net Team. It will be promoted for 8th graders on up to 12 graders. The retreat will be in November.

New Business:

- Sunday Mass schedule will revert back to the winter schedule starting September 19th. (7:30 am at Gabes and 11:00 am at Johns)
- Education: Enrollment at PCS is basically the same as last year.
- Finance: For the first two months of the fiscal year, income is down around 5K at each parish.
 - School expenses had an increase of about \$13,800 mostly due to the technology upgrade.
 - We are in need of upgrading the lawn mowing equipment and the Cemetery will be selling some Railroad stock to use for purchasing lawn mowing equipment. Keith (last name?) found a used mower for \$2500 and will sell the use of it to the parish for \$1250.
- Family Life:
 - Members of Family Life were questioning why the parish council does not have a full roster. It was explained that we have not been successful in recruiting new members.
 - Family Life has recognized that Fr. Weighner has very heavy work load and is wondering if more things could be delegated to parishioners.
 - Family Life is inquiring whether there should be a separate "Sacred Worship" committee that would take care of Liturgical prayer programs (such as rosary) and planning of the Liturgy.
 - Youth ministry would fall under the responsibilities of Family Life, but they admit that they have not done much in this area.

Closed with prayer. Next meeting October 21, 2010.

Submitted by Steve Schwager