

St. Cecilia's Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2009

Attending: Mary Kay Metz, Bill O'Neill, Dan Herrick, Fr. Mike, Rex Singer, Maureen Riedl, Charlie Keffer, Mary Pat Roberts, Don Tienter, Joe Bower, Jorge Ulate, Keith Phelps, Molly Varley, Joe Hamel, Jim Cavanaugh

The meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Mike.

The minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report

Personnel committee – final drafts of the staff job descriptions were presented to the council for review and discussion. A motion was made and seconded and the job descriptions were approved.

Council was informed that the new answering service was now in place.

Archdiocese Planning Process – As reported previously, there are no pre-conceived notions but all parishes will be affected. Final decisions will be made sometime in 2010.

An action plan is needed to look at specific areas in the parish, e.g., hiring procedures, etc. Further discussion to follow.

Parish Needs Assessment

Questionnaires have been completed and Survey Monkey is gathering the data. Preliminary data should be available in early 2010.

Finance Committee Report

Reported a \$9,374 year-to-date deficit for the five months ending in October. While this is not good news the committee did not express concern yet because of the potential holiday collections in December. More discussion after the first of the year if the deficit continues at that level.

Alcohol Policy

A draft of the proposed alcohol policy was presented. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded and the policy was approved.

Parish Committee Updates

Committee chairs were invited to update the parish council.

Community Life - reported on the parish potluck, the First Annual Variety Show, Advent Evening Prayer, the upcoming Progressive Dinner and the Parish Dinner. Some discussion ensued concerning the appearance of an overlap with Shared Ministry. Community Life will be invited to attend our next meeting.

Shared Ministry – reported that they had been busy recruiting volunteers for the Parish Dinner. The new Chairpersons are Mary Pat and Dave Zwack. The Ministry Fair resulted in over 200 people signing up. New initiatives are to contact new members and to investigate document-sharing capabilities with other committees.

Liturgy – continuing to explore the commissioning of four new chalices.

Faith Formation- meets three times per year. Looking for a new chairperson to replace Ellie.

Social Justice – last year the three large endeavors were Habitat for Humanity, the Dorothy Day Center and the Faithful Citizens around the election time.

Parish Dinner- report by the new Co-chairs, Mary Pat and Dave Zwack. The new date will be Feb. 14, 2010, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. The menu will be the same as the past and we will continue to have the raffle, kids games and the silent auction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Cavanaugh