

**Minutes**  
**St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council**  
**March 20, 2006**

**Attendees:**

Bill Burns	Maureen Morehouse
Jackie Carosa	Rick Rall
Dean Hamingson	Deborah Rieger
Evan Korol	Drew Smith
Sr. Joyce Kubinieć	Catherine Sutura
Fr. Chuck Latus	Tom Swovick
Michael Lynch	Pat Vargas
John McDermott	Ed Wynne
Peter Charleton	Dave Mauro (non-council member)

**Guest speakers:**

Karen Casper  
Kathy Johnson

**Opening Prayer:** Sister Joyce

**Confirmation of Minutes:** Regular January meeting. Confirmation of special long range planning minutes.

**Nomination Process: Karen Casper:**

- Nomination process is similar to last year's, except for the addition of the new 'young adult' category.
- We need council members to sign up to collect nomination forms after the masses on April 29 & 30.
- Invitations will go out to nominees on May 8, 2006, with nomination information night taking place on either May 16 or May 17.
- Selections to take place on June 3, 2006 at the 5:00 mass by Dean & Jackie.

**Budget Discussion: Kathy Johnson**

- Clarification on application of Treasure the Future funds. This was a 2006 fiscal event and the funds were applied accordingly as a non-operating event. It was not Finance Council's intention to apply the funds to the 2004-2005 budget.
- The discrepancy in the Annual Financial Statement needs to be addressed. The asset should have been reflected as \$150,000 in June 2004 and \$69,297 in June 2005. There was some confusion due to a change over in the computer system at the parish office.
- Kathy to discuss with finance council at next mtg. as to how best to communicate this information to the parishioners. She will get back to council on the outcome.

**Dean's Comments:** Dean prepared a hard copy summarization of events leading to the special Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and distributed it to all present. The work done by the parish council on the expansion project included the unanimous adoption of a "Recommendations" document, which was brought before representatives of the Long Range Planning, Liturgy, Stewardship and Building & Grounds Committees on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> with the intention of handing off council's concerns and comments to the ministry leaders. (A

Finance Council representative was not available) The meeting did not accomplish its objectives to the disappointment & frustration of the several council members present at that meeting. Much discussion ensued regarding the possible breakdown of communications between the council and the ministries as well as Father Chuck's role in the outcome of the Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Father Chuck was asked to share his plans and thoughts on this subject at the April 10, PPC meeting.

**Fr. Chucks Comments:** He was not in agreement with the summary of events as shared by Dean, Ed, Jackie, Marti and Maureen. He has decided that in order to move ahead, he is going to form a committee of about 5 people from the different ministries to review the Recommendations document and summarize it down to a "single page". There was some objection to this course of action, because council has already documented the concerns of the parishioners and ranked the importance of each.

#### **Liaison Reports/Round Table:**

**Michael Lynch:** The weekend events surrounding St. Clement of Rome in Louisiana were wonderful. Response was positive and made it a rich and worthwhile experience. There are other events coming up, such as a letter writing campaign, which will strengthen our relationship with the parishioners of St. Clement parish.

**Maureen Morehouse:** A pre-read of the suggestion box comments was e-mailed to members. A request was made to include more information regarding what has been done to address each of the individual suggestions. Maureen will be asked to discuss this subject further at a future meeting to resolve open issues. Several teams participated in the Odyssey of the Mind event. The school received a \$2,000 grant for the Accelerated Reader Program. The school is collecting change for St. Clement as a project for lent.

**Evan Korol:** There is going to be a Youth-Group rally on March 25<sup>th</sup>, with a New Orleans theme. The Youth Group is going to be working on a letter campaign with St. Clement in New Orleans as well as organizing an Easter Egg hunt for the children of St. Rita Parish.

**Drew Smith:** Cub Scout update, including 9 scouts crossing over and a very positive update on the Pinewood Derby.

**Ed Wynne:** Boy scouts served 230 pasta dinners at their parish based event. Eagle projects are underway, 2 are completed. Scouting for food & clothes is coming up the weekend of 3/25 & 26. Volunteering for LaCasa. Update on the Knights of Columbus, recruitment weekend is 4/29 & 30. The basketball free-throw event was very successful. Jackie's son participated and went as far as the 3<sup>rd</sup> round.

**Sister Joyce:** Social Action Committee update. Soup supper was very successful. St. Joseph's table was very successful.

**Dean:** The minutes will be posted on the bulletin board and there will be copies in the Narthex. The next step will be to put the minutes of the St. Rita web-site. The 2006-2007 budget will be presented at the May meeting and the election of new officers (Chair & Vice-Chair) will take place at the June meeting. Think about a council member(s) you would like to nominate for these positions.

**Closing prayer:** Peter Charleton