

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
September 18, 2006

Attendees:

Bill Burns	Marti Mauro
John McDermott	Peter Charleton
Maureen Morehouse	Bernadette Rall
Sr. Katherine Ann Rappi	Fr. Chuck Latus
Drew Smith	Jim Sauer
Pat Vargas	Tom Swovick
Dick Wagner	Dottie DeLano
Ann Tiberio	Betsy Swovick
Dan Hohl	Drew Demarais
Claire Schum	

Opening prayer: Father Chuck

Introduction of new Member: Bernadette Rall was introduced to all. She is taking the last 2 years of Debbie Reiger's term.

Corrected handouts were given out: A new version of the member list, buddy list and meeting schedule were passed out. Please note that the phone number for Drew D. should be 671-1110

Opening remarks by Bill:

- As an overview for the year Bill read the Parish Council Mission statement. He hoped this will help us understand our role.
- Bill stated his 3 goals for the Council for this year:
 - a. Finish the review of the constitution as there are only 2 paragraphs left to look at.
 - b. To finalize a written document with regard to the suggestion box and/or a submission of a proposal to Council
 - c. To have a balanced budget for the fiscal year 06-07

Member introductions: Members gave a brief introduction of themselves as well as what their goals/hopes for this year's Council. Here are some of the comments:

- Enhance the communication with parishioners
- That our spirituality will grow this year
- We continue to hear liaison reports each month
- That we can have conversations about the realities facing us
- That we find ways to bring all into active church life
- That we find a way to align our needs & wants with our budget

Meeting dates: We reviewed the list. Some changes were made due to conflicts with other events (the Lenten retreat, the priest convocation and vacations).

Liaison Reports: The assignments were verified. Reports were given by those whose committees have met this year.

School (Sister Katherine Ann): There is a new Superintendent for the Diocese. Sister Elaine Poitras has a vision and a new hope for our school district. There are 381 students in the school (Pre-K thru 6). Sister asked us to sponsor her for the school Marathon.

Boy Scouts (Tom Swovick/Drew Smith): Boy Scout 163 is very active! Two boys have been earned and been awarded their Eagle Scout badge and there are 3 other boys who are awaiting their awards. Diocese of Rochester Catholic Scouting Retreat is the weekend of Sept 23-24 and our parish is well represented.

Youth Group (Claire Schum): At the last Youth Group meeting there were 45+ people of which 8 were new members. Youth group member will continue being ministers at one mass each month. They are selling Entertainment Books and Discount Cards to finance their events. These can be purchased anytime at the Parish Office. In the future there will be a Pasta Diner.

Girl Scouts (Pat Vargas): The Girl Scouts are also participating in the Dioc. Retreat. Girls from Pat's troop are working on their Silver Award (the highest award for Girl Scouting)

Knights of Columbus (Dick Wagner): We have many parishioners who are member of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights will be selling C & B raffle tickets (Charitable & Benevolent) the weekend of 9/30-10/1. This state wide program directly supports the work of the Knights. The annual Charity Ball is Nov 18th. Project Rachel and the Webster Habitat for Humanity Home are the charities who will benefit from the Ball.

Evangelizations (John McDermott): Through small group home meetings John and his wife are trying to get more young couples involved in the church.

Christian Formation: (Drew Desmarais): There are 360 children making sacraments this year, the RCIA has 4 people so far but more are always welcome and there are over 400 students in Religious Education classes. St. Rita Religious Education program is working with other Webster parishes on joint projects

Leadership and Finance: (Maureen Morehouse): The Leadership Committee had an initial meeting. The committee was formed to address the issues that were identified by last year's council. From the Finance council, we will be in the "black" for 06-07 as long as the collections stay at last year's level

Liturgy (Ann Tiberio): The Liturgy is sponsoring a Day of Reflection for all who minister in our church. Sister Barbara Moore will be the main speaker on October 28th (9-12:30)

St. Rita Society (Ann Tiberio): The ladies retreat, held September 8th to Sept 9th, was well attended. The first meeting (Sept 19th) will be a pot luck supper with a white elephant sale whose proceeds will benefit the convent. The Society is sponsoring a Roast Beef dinner Sept 30th. The Church library received \$325 from the Society to purchase new books

Father Chucks Comments:

Finance update: Personal changes have helped to balance our budget. The Stewardship committee will be focusing on Treasure this year

Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA): Our goal for this year is \$90,000. The appeal is the former Thanksgiving Appeal (TGA). The Diocesan video was made by Tim Mason's company.

St. Clement of Rome: Another group of people will be leaving Sept 24th for a week of hard work to help the people of Louisiana. Father Chuck and Deacon John will be going down the weekend of Oct 20th - 22nd to present the Fiesta tithing check (\$4000) to the parish.

Council Prayer Life: Father gave out information from the Diocese to help councils have a more prayerful approach. We are to read 2 pages and think about 2 questions

Closing Prayer: Pat Vargas

Respectfully Submitted;
Maureen Morehouse
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