Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
June 16, 2008

Attendees:

Fr. Chuck Latus	Marti Mauro	Barb Tatanus
Paul Dangler	John McDermott	Ann Tiberio
Dottie DeLano	John O'Connor	Dick Wagner
Drew Desmarais	Bernadette Rall	Lauren Wynne
Chris Mauro	Lisa Swovick	

Excused:

Tom Bayer	Fr. Hoan Dinh	Rich Engel
Sr. Katherine Ann	Jim Sauer	Betsy Swovick

Opening Prayer: Drew Desmarais

Reading of Vision Statement from State of Parish Report: *To nurture and grow the spiritual vitality of each and every Saint Rita parishioner and support them along their life journey as Disciples of Christ while fostering a vibrant, engaging, welcoming faith community.*

Confirmation of May minutes: Minutes were approved with no changes

Welcome Newcomers: Parish Council welcomed new members including: Kathleen Scott Anne, Will Goodness, Joseph Holleran and Drew Pawluk (not present. Tom Bayer will be coming back to Council for another term. Council still needs one woman to serve.

Budget Update: Paul Dangler

- Distributed 2008-09 Budget; Finance Committee has approved; staff has reviewed and approved their portion; budget assumes some additional from stewardship; economy not stable so used conservative numbers; change in insurance program is almost $40,000 savings for St. Rita's
- Reserve funds - $8,000 - $3,000 for future capital reserve and $5,000 for insurance deductible; money from land sale - $102,000 – to be held in reserve, but not restricted
- Stewardship Committee assisted with projections for future collections; working on building list of automatic withdrawal parishioners; working with envelope company to send automatic withdrawal parishioners special collection envelopes
- Finance Committee will rotate chair each year – committee separated into 5 themes – Audit, Budget, Investment, Long Range Planning and Communications; may be some overlap with Parish Council

- CYO line increased 100% - program has grown so matched expenses to revenue; Finance Committee should have summary of current year actual numbers by September meeting; Parish Council very appreciative of hard work being done by Finance Council; Council approved 2008-09 budget

Constitution: John O'Connor

- Group is working on scheduling meeting to begin discussions

Incoming and Outgoing Council Members:

- Following are outgoing members for this year: Paul Dangler, Marti Mauro, Chris Mauro, Bernadette Rall, Lauren Wynne; Following are new members for 2008-09 Council: Joseph Holleran, Tom Bayer, Kathleen Anne, Will Goodness, Drew Pawluk; still need one more woman to serve on Council
- Following are members eligible to be nominated for Parish Council Chair and Vice Chair: Tom Bayer, Dottie DeLano, Rich Engel, John O'Connor, Jim Sauer, Betsy Swovick, Lisa Swovick, Barb Tatanus, Ann Tiberio and Dick Wagner; Ann and Dick respectfully declined being considered for either position
- After voting, Council nominated John O'Connor as Chair and Tom Bayer as Vice Chair

Pastor's Report: Fr. Chuck

- Fr. Chuck thanked outgoing members of Council; Expressed gratitude to John O'Connor for accepting Chair – Tom Bayer not in attendance so need to confirm if he accepts position
- Thanks to all who worked on Fiesta – brought in approximately $20,000; will have final numbers and acknowledgements in bulletin when available; good crowds – lots of help from Webster and Auxiliary Police; Entertainment paid for by sponsors; Skycoasters draw followers that come with food but don't spend money; may change policy to not allow outside food to be brought in; had 400-500 workers of all ages; will continue to revise plans
- Crisis in Parish Office – flood in office due to broken water pipe in ceiling; took out phone system, voice mail and internet connection; major portion being replaced – pipes wrapped in asbestos so need to be advised on how to handle; Diocesan insurance people were here, as well as a plumber – was difficult to find leak; Sisters had no water so had to leave convent; not sure how long for repairs yet – mostly carpet damage

Next meeting: September 15, 2008

Respectfully Submitted by: Bernadette Rall