

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting July 12, 2011

Present: Deacon Bob Puhala, Geoff Pautsch, Anne Buxton, Msgr. Robert J. Dempsey, Denise Waltz, Regina Ceisel, Kathleen Acott, Liz Harvey, Michael Koberda, Robert Ribordy, Patrick O'Donoghue.

Absent: Cynthia Morales

Margery Fejes and Carol McKenna were present observers.

Msgr. Dempsey called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m and gave the opening prayer.

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council booklet was give to new members Anne Buxton, Denise Waltz, and Regina Ceisel.

The duties and responsibilities of the Council Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary were discussed and the election of new officers was conducted. Regina Ceisel was nominated for Chairwoman by Kathleen Acott, seconded by Denise Waltz. Denise Waltz was nominated for Vice-Chair by Kathleen Acott, seconded by Liz Harvey. Kathleen Acott was nominated for Secretary by Geoff Pautsch, seconded by Liz Harvey.

Minutes of the May 10, 2011 were approved by Msgr. Dempsey and Bob Ribordy.

Commission Reports:

Spiritual Life Commission report by Patrick O'Donoghue.

- The Spiritual Life Committee has not met since prior to the May 10 Parish Council meeting.
- The next 6 meetings are being arranged. All business is running smoothly.

Education Commission report by Kathleen Acott.

- Bible Study to start up in September. The morning group will study Hebrews and James, and the evening group will do the Fr. Barron video series.
- PREP registration is in progress. PREP starts September 11, 2011.
- CAB meeting for June 22 was cancelled due to low attendance. Pig-nic was a success. Vacation Bible School was a success for the 58 children who attended.
- Parish reading corner is open Sunday mornings through the summer. Children's Worship Bulletins are in vestibule of church for those interested.

Human Concerns Commission report by Regi Ceisel.

Respect Life:

- There will be Eucharistic Adoration first Friday's with sign up for half hour increments.
- This fall the study will be stem cell education.
- The Women's Guild Baby Shower of May 12 was successful.
- Candy suckers were distributed on July 4.

Ministers of Care:

- Weekly visits to Maryhaven Nursing Home continue.
- Fran Reynolds and Mary Claps made home visits.

Sharing Parish – St. Benedict the African East:

- The SBAE rummage sale will be held July 23 weekend.
- Thank you to all at SPA for the donation of goods and many televisions.
- SBAE has requested a collection of CTA passes, Jewel and Dominick's gift cards in August.

Parish Life Commission report by Anne Buxton.

Hospitality:

- Jane Karol is the Hospitality Committee and is in need of volunteers to assist.
- The Hospitality Committee is only called upon by the Parish Council with the main focus being the Easter Vigil.
- A signup sheet will be added at the Installation of the Women's Guild dinner in September.

Men's Club:

- More than 115 attended the Golf Outing. Nearly all sponsorships were sold. More than \$8,000 was gained as proceeds.
- There will be an effort to include younger members in events such as hockey games and baseball games.

Women's Guild:

- A decision is currently in the process of conclusion regarding refinishing the floor in the convent.
- A plaque was given to Keefer's restaurant for the donation of time and the food for the St. Joseph's Table.
- There will be a thank you dinner at Buxton's on August 23 for Women's Guild officers.
- Jan Roy was welcomed as a new officer to the Women's Guild.
- The Guild plans to present Msgr. Dempsey and the finance committee a donation check this week.

Pastor's Report by Msgr. Dempsey.

- The fiscal year ended June 30. Sunday collections are budgeted at \$6,100 per week and have been averaging less than that this year. Christmas and Easter collections have been on target. The generous support of a several parishioners has helped with larger donations/gifts. Expenses for the parish are slightly less this year.
- The Strategic Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Chicago is beginning the first year which is the year of teens and young adults. A meeting is planned for August 8 for high school students and college student - prior to leaving for school, to meet with Msgr. Dempsey and discuss ways to increase enthusiasm and growth of faith.
- The missionary visit this summer will be the last weekend in August. It will be a visit from Fr. Bob Lombardo who is with the Franciscan Friars of Renewal. He works with youth and drug activity.
- Fr. Robert Barron's The Catholicism Project will be on Sundays at 10:30 for 45 minutes and Wednesday evenings with Cynthia Morales. It is a 10-part DVD series and 4 of the episodes will be shown on Channel 11, WTTW, during the second half of September.
- The fall fundraiser, Movable Feast, will be held on October 22 at Sunset Ridge Country Club. Bob Ribordy will host? Buggie O'Grady is working to arrange homes for the cocktails and sponsors for the event. The goal is to have the majority of raffle prizes in place in the next 4-6 weeks.
- The changes to the mass will begin with the first Sunday of Advent, which is the last Sunday of November. The liturgy of the mass will remain the same yet some of the prayers will have slight changes to more closely reflect the Latin. Msgr. Dempsey will speak at all masses for 1-2 weeks prior to the first Sunday of Advent about the changes.

Deacon's Report by Deacon Bob Puhala.

- It is the summer season for altar servers and they are functioning on a skeleton crew. Deacon Bob and Msgr. Dempsey will talk to 4-8th grade PREP classes in the fall to encourage all to serve and offer praise and thanks to

God each weekend with through this service. St. Philip's has an average number of servers for the size of the parish. There will be training sessions in October-November.

- The Advent Reflection series is under consideration at this time. The topic under consideration is The Sacraments (7 Sacraments covered in 6 weeks). All and any other suggestions are welcome.

New Business:

- Parish Council meeting dates for the next year. The second Tuesday every other month at 7:30pm. The dates are September 13, 2011; November 8, 2011; January 10, 2012; March 13, 2012; May 8, 2012.

Deacon Bob gave the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 13, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Acott, Recording Secretary.

Approved: September 13, 2011

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Education Commission Report

July 12,2011

Submitted by Kathleen Acott

Adult Catechesis:

- The Thursday morning bible study group will be studying the books of Hebrews and James beginning in September. The Wednesday evening group will be doing the Fr. Baron video series in the fall.

Parish Religious Education Program:

- Registration is currently in progress for the fall. PREP begins Sunday September 11th.
- A family lunch to welcome back or greet new families is still in process for the first session of PREP.

Catechetical Advisory Board:

- The CAB meeting scheduled for 6.22.11 was cancelled due to low attendance.
- Children's worship bulletins are on the table in the vestibule and all are welcome to take one and do the activities in them.
- The Pignic on June 12th was a success. Plans are in the works for a repeat in 2012.
- Vacation Bible School, Sun Surf Beach Blast was successful and fun for the 58 children who attended.
- The parish Reading Corner is open in the convent all summer on Sunday mornings 9-12.
- The Tuesday evening movie series about Saints has concluded.
- Sharing session with Msgr. Dempsey and teens ages 14-18 is set for August 8th as part of the Strategic Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese.
- The next CAB meeting date for July/August is yet to be determined.

Human Concerns Commission (Report distributed by Regi Ceisel)

Respect for Life Committee:

Adoration for first Friday begins in July with Respect for Life sign-up for half-hour increments.

Fall study document will be stem cell education.

The Women's Guild Baby Shower was held May 12.

Mother's day Flower Sale successful all bouquets sold.

Candy suckers were distributed at Masses on the 4th of July.

St Benedict the African:

SPA collection of goods for SBAE's rummage sale was held on June 3, 14, and 15.

Sister Mary was pleased that many televisions were donated since they are in high demand. Rummage sale will be held the weekend of July 23rd.

Request that SPA conduct a collection of gift cards in August.

Ministers of Care:

May -June, Ministers of Care made weekly visits to Maryhaven Nursing Home.

Home visits were made by Fran Reynolds and Mary Claps