

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting May 12, 2009

Present: Msgr. Robert Dempsey, Deacon Bob Puhala, Bob Snediker, Cathy Stegich, Mary Claps, Rima Abraham, Annmarie Gesualdo, John Graf, Geoff Pautsch and Cynthia Morales.
Absent: MJ Murnane and Tom McCabe.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Snediker. Msgr. Dempsey gave the opening prayer.

On motion by Geoff Pautsch, seconded by John Graf, minutes of March 10, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

Spiritual Life Commission report was submitted. Annmarie Gesualdo commented on the beautiful Triduum and Easter services and thanked all committees involved in planning and performance. Many words of appreciation from parishioners on the Vigil and Easter Sunday programs.

*All six Monday evening Lenten reflections led by Deacon Bob Puhala were well attended.

*Twenty-two guests attended the May 7th Evening with St. Paul, with speaker Rev. John P. Chrzan substituting for Rev. James McIlhone, on leave of absence. Conversation and refreshments followed the presentation.

*Volunteers are needed for all Spiritual Life committees, especially Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. [Bulletin reminders from time to time would be helpful.]

*Re: Parish Retreat, the Council critiqued a sample questionnaire prepared for distribution on June 7th, requesting input as to interest in attending, length of retreat, location, focus.

*Responding to questions about holding a Council retreat, Deacon Bob said facilities available at Mundelein at a cost of \$44/day, or \$22 for meals only plus a fee for use of room and retreat director. Annmarie will e-mail Council with questions and info.

*SL meeting calendar for the year was distributed.

Education Commission report was submitted. Rima Abraham noted the May 2nd Golder Interfaith Lecture at Temple Jeremiah included a large number of St. Philip's parishioners in attendance. Many favorable comments on content and presentations.

*End of the year PREP program "Are you smarter than..." was well received...will try to repeat next year. John Graf's suggestion: Next time, divide groups into two - one for younger children, one for older children.

*Vacation bible school scheduled, with 35 enrolled, a larger attendance than last year. Children attend one week, 3 hours a day, 9 a.m.-Noon.

*June 3rd, catechists' dinner.

*Summer with the Saints movie series begins June 2, every Tuesday for six weeks.

Human Services Commission report was submitted. Mary Claps asked for comments on SBAE rummage collection plans. Dates for collection will be June 10 to 13. John Graf will load the truck the morning of June 13, at no cost. John reported Lois Greening and Elsie DiCesare are willing to step in. Jim Ahern donates cartons and plastic bags. Volunteers collect, sort, pack.

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(Rummage collection, cont'd.)

A bulletin flyer May 30-31 will specify dates and times for drop-off and collection. Chairman Snediker asked for a complete report at the end of this project, listing tasks, "who does what". John Graf to pursue this.

*Respect Life Committee held a Flower Sale May 9-10 after Masses and plan a Baby Shower for May 14.

Parish Life Commission report was submitted. John Graf commented the Golf Outing is on track, scheduled for June 15. Fewer donations this year due to economy.

*Women's Guild has set their calendar for May '09-May '10 and are working on a slate of officers for the coming year.

*Hospitality Committee: Who can put together a mission statement? A list of events would be helpful, i.e., Easter Vigil, Ministry Fair, new meeting room, etc., and responsibilities. John G. will e-mail a group to try to pin down needs.

*Committee on Fr. Klein's 50th Anniversary celebration has coordinated with Valley Lo.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Msgr. Dempsey confirmed that plans for Fr. Klein's anniversary on May 17th are well underway. The Grafs and Buxtons are in charge of reception in the gym. Cardinal George will be here and it should be a happy event.

*The building project is progressing and hopefully by June 22nd we'll have occupancy. Main structure should be finished. Workmen completed the doorway to bathroom. Sidewalk was laid today. Last two weeks, electrical work and conduits. Final approval received on bell tower and contractor, with a company to install the carillon. *The final room can be used for hospitality.

*Our financial situation is adequate but could be better. Easter collection a little less than last year. Sundays a little under budget. In the near future we will provide Parish Pay Programs so that people can make direct payments. Easter collection showed that many contributed less than last year. Financially we are holding our own.

*Problem we are faced with is the same people are doing the same things over and over. New people are needed. For example, the Umlaufs are willing to do OctoberFest, but helpers are needed.

DEACON'S REPORT: Deacon Bob Puhala announced altar servers will be treated to a Cubs game on May 13. Suggested uses for the meeting room: "Coffee with the Pastor" – "Drinks with the Deacon".

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bob Snediker reported on RIVER DAY, May 9th a great turnout of 37 volunteers, not all from the parish. The event was featured on the Village cable channel and web site, posted on the Village Community Events sign and posters. Northfield Park District Director was a volunteer and provided vans as well. Public Works has taken care of removing big trees and branches that were cut down. We made a dent in buckthorn removal, an ongoing battle. Ground cover has been treated. Plan is to see what develops and possibly plant in the Fall or next Spring. Bob thanked everyone for their support and gave special thanks to the Parish.

Parish Sign. Geoff distributed copies of a sketch from WhiteWay Sign Co. He will check with the company to be sure it will be illuminated on both sides.

Census update. Geoff still too busy to do anything, but showed a sample form to the Council. Mary asked G. to let the committee know when they can help.

Nominating Committee:

Deacon Bob reported the process has been followed: -made announcements; distributed forms for parishioners to fill out. Received no nominees. No one nominated anyone. At this point, no nominees – no election to be held. We need to look at the election process. We have three vacancies. How are we going to fill three vacancies?

Q: Can active members choose to rerun for a second 3-year term?

A: We need to amend the Bylaws.

Art. III Section 1. Officers serve a 1-year term should be changed to a [2-year term].

Art. I Section 1. Elected members serve a 3-year term. Amend to provide for two consecutive terms.

Art. I Section 2. When a Council member vacancy occurs [during the course of a term] the chair should approve a person [who might be willing to serve]...

The Council considered amending length of term for officers:

1 – if they are elected to an office on the Council and leave office before they complete their term as an officer, they lose their opportunity to run for a second consecutive term;

2 – if they serve a term as an officer and the term runs longer than the term on the Council, they would be extended to complete the term as officer. The Council voted on two options: (A) Your office ends when your membership ends, or (B) Your membership is extended an extra year as an officer, i.e., automatic term extension. Majority voted for (B).

[Note: Clarification is needed on the above before minutes can be approved.]

It was suggested Nom.Com. contact nominees from past two years' elections and ask them if they would like to serve. Nom.Com. now in Appointment process.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 14, 2009.**

Deacon Bob gave the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Claps, Secretary

Date approved:

Approved as amended 7/14/09