

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting July 14, 2009

Present: Msgr. Robert J. Dempsey, Deacon Bob Puhala, Mary Claps, Betsy Dorsey, Annmarie Gesualdo, John Graf, Liz Harvey, Michael Koberda, Cindy Morales and Geoff Pautsch. Absent: Rima Abraham and Tom McCabe.

Msgr. Dempsey gave the opening prayer and chaired the meeting prior to election of officers. Newly elected members Betsy Dorsey, Liz Harvey and Michael Koberda were welcomed.

Before approval of May 12th meeting minutes, clarification was needed on proposed bylaws amendments regarding 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.] Motion made by M.Claps to rescind Item 1 was seconded by A. Gesualdo and carried.

[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 an officer.] Reworded: If an officer's term as a member expires before his term as an officer, he remains an officer until completion of his term of office. Motion made by G.Pautsch, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2009 as amended was seconded by A. Gesualdo and carried.

Officers were elected by ballot for two-year terms):

Chair: Annmarie Gesualdo
Vice-chair:- Tom McCabe
Secretary: Mary Claps

Msgr. Dempsey congratulated newly elected officers and turned the meeting over to Annmarie Gesualdo, who welcomed new members Betsy Dorsey, Liz Harvey and Michael Koberda.

Council meetings were calendared for the second Tuesday every other month:
Sep. 8, Nov. 10, 2009, Jan. 12, Mar. 9, May 11, July 13, 2010.

Spiritual Life Commission report was distributed by A.Gesualdo.
Next meeting Aug.24, 7 p.m. Committees will be preparing reports on their ministry.
Ministry Fair Sep. 12-13 involves all parish ministries/commissions.

Education Commission report was distributed by R.Abraham. Deacon Bob Puhala complimented PREP on the great response to Vacation Bible School - 41 attended - urging them to keep up the good work.

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Human Concerns Commission report was distributed by M.Claps.

- *Sharing parish (SBAE) June rummage collection completed and delivered, gratefully received, thanks to leadership of John Graf, Lois Greening and faithful workers.
- *Respect Life announces Catholic Charities food drive to run through August.

Parish Life Commission report was distributed by J.Graf.

- *June golf outing was a success; 134 turned out; happy with Wilmette venue. Deacon Bob commented the event was terrific – good hospitality – and thanked John for great work.
- *Women’s Guild is working on dates and activities.
- *Oktoberfest Saturday, September 26, will allow 2 to 2-1/2 hrs. for kids – dinner later. Plans underway for variety of music and entertainment. Letters will be sent for donations to underwrite expenses.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Msgr. Dempsey reported on construction progress: meeting room should be ready soon for a Coffee, as a gathering place. ..hoping for regular occupancy by the end of the month. Landscape work will be done by Thomas Co. Contract has been signed for Bell tower .

- *Need to start thinking in the coming year about how to increase offertory donations. Stock donations have declined in the past year. Major repairs needed on chimney over the Gym – a safety issue.
- *The Archdiocese has a new program starting in December, “Catholics Come Home”, encouraging Catholics who have fallen away, in conjunction with Dioceses of Rockford, Joliet and the whole greater Metropolitan area. www.catholicscomehome.org.
- *In the past, Oktoberfest was considered a fundraiser. Tom McCabe , in charge of the raffle , will need help. Betsy Dorsey and Liz Harvey volunteered to help on committee.

DEACON’S REPORT: Deacon Bob Puhala proposed additional changes to bylaws:

ART. I Section 1 second paragraph (in italics) - delete entire paragraph.

ART.III OFFICERS Section 1 ...”will be selected annually” delete “annually”. Change “one-year term” to “two-year” term.

ART.III OFFICERS Section 1. Insert: The elections will be conducted by the pastor.

On motion by Bob Puhala, seconded by Geoff Pautsch, Council unanimously agreed to the above amendments.

Parish Sign: Geoff reported contract signed. Installation 6-8 weeks after permit approval. Sign will be white with black letters, illuminated both sides, dark bronze finish.

Census: On hold until after construction.

Retreat Survey: Annmarie distributed list showing 17 positive responses. SL Com will follow up on dates and places.

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River Day update from Bob Snediker in an E-mail dated 7/14/09: Friends of Chicago River rep (Caitlyn) walked the property last Saturday, pleased that the eradication of invasive weeds was successful and new native foliage is beginning to sprout up...she expressed appreciation again for the effort made on River Day to remove so much of the invasive buckthorn...moving in the right direction toward reclaiming the native state of our section of the creek. Some consideration being given to a possible follow-up in the Fall...Bob will keep the Council posted...sends best of luck and thanks to everyone on the Council for efforts on behalf of the Parish community.

Invitations were distributed to Council to attend Catholic Festival of Faith October 16& 17 at Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Dept. of Evangelization, Catechesis and Worship. Parish will pay registration fee.

Parish Master Calendar of events will be in place in September. All parish groups will be asked to file requests for space with the parish office using a Facilities Usage Request Form (Geoff distributed copies of form).

Blessing of Pastoral Council will take place September 12-13.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Claps, Secretary

Approved:

Date: _____