

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting September 9, 2008

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

Robert Snediker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Cathy Stegich gave the opening prayer. The Council welcomed Tom McCabe, newly elected member for a three-year term. In honor of Deacon Bob's birthday, MJ offered a home-made chocolate cake, enjoyed by all.

Minutes of the July 8th meeting were approved as corrected.

Officers elected for 2008-2009 :

Chair	Bob Snediker
Vice-chair	Cathy Stegich
Secretary	Mary Claps

The Council extended thanks to Gene "Doc" Broccolo for serving the past year as Council Chair and to MJ Murnane for serving as Secretary.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION Report (Annmarie Gesualdo):

- >New ministers needed and welcome in all liturgical committees.
 - >Letter will go to parents of prospective altar servers.
 - >It was suggested that other committees may want to continue the precedent set by Choir and Respect Life to host coffee and donuts once a month after 9:30 Mass.
 - >LESSONS AND CAROLS program scheduled for Sunday December 21 at 4:30 p.m.
 - >ANGELICUS new name for children's choirs.
 - >The suggestion to host a Liturgical Leadership seminar or evening of reflection for all ministers was enthusiastically discussed, the Council agreeing to invite all interested parishioners and to call a guest speaker for the event. Deacon Bob volunteered to contact Rev. Ronald Kunkel.
- [Note: Thursday, November 6, 2008, 7:30 p.m. was confirmed 9/12/08 per Deacon Bob.]

EDUCATION COMMISSION Report (Rima Abraham):

- >October 21st Women's Guild evening of reflection with Fr. Tim Fiala celebrant/leader.
 - >Two bible study groups start September 17th, Wed. 7 p.m. and Thur. 9 a.m.
 - >Comments on PREP opening day September 7th: well attended, well organized, informative, excellent basic idea. In future, focus on parents' need for information for their children rather than on parish ministries, not to be confused with Ministry Weekend. Increase religious education; decrease information on other committees.
 - >New Youth Minister is Linda Couri.
- >Cindy Morales reported promoting a religious reading library located in RE office.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION Report (Mary Claps):

Ministers of Care:

- >Weekly visits to Maryhaven Nursing Home continue.
- >E-mail addresses received from committee.
- >Weekly home visits to Marlan Slaywin continue.
- >Fall training to be given at St.Francis Xavier, Wilmette.

Sharing Parish-St. Benedict the African East:

- >John Meade received thanks from Sr. Mary for SPA rummage sale contributions. Their July sale was a financial success, bringing \$6500 to meet needs of parish and Englewood community. The Council thanked John Graf for his work transporting goods to SBAE. John said he hopes next year to see more involvement from our teenagers.

Respect Life:

- >Pat Catarello reports the committee on July 13th hosted Coffee/Donut Sunday after 10 AM liturgy. They may host again in October.
- >Sponsored August food collection for Catholic Charities.
- >Letter writing to politicians continues.

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION Report (John Graf):

- >Files for Neighborhood Parties have been directed to Caroline Duppler, dates to be determined.
- >Women's Guild Membership Mass and Dinner scheduled for September 30.
- >Men's Club Golf Outing was a big success.

Geoff Pautsch reported Crafty Ladies plan to raffle a hand-stitched quilt "Underground Railroad" on December 7th. Tickets are \$2, six for \$10.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Monsignor Dempsey expressed thanks to the Men's Club and Women's Guild for organizing the September 6th farewell party for Madge Dorsey, retiring parish secretary. It was a nice send-off.

- >Carol Brown is the new parish secretary, and is a parishioner at Queen of All Saints Parish.
- >Linda Couri, Youth Minister replaces Holly Georgopulos who is pursuing graduate studies out of state.
- >Archdiocese has given final approval on plans for new bathrooms and meeting room addition. Architect and contractor and their vendor are approved. Permission requested from Village. Foundation will be laid for bell tower. Engineering specs are needed for Village.
- >First Sunday in October Monsignor will make an announcement to the Parish with drawings and projected images of the new room addition and bathrooms. Pictures will be on display.

DEACON'S REPORT:

- >Parents will receive letter re: altar servers. Deacon Bob will make visits to classrooms in October and will have training for new servers.

- >Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 4th in the west parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Msgr. Dempsey announced a Parish Census ad hoc committee to be recruited from the parish. Annmarie Gesualdo, Cathy Stegich, Mary Claps volunteered to head committee. Geoff spoke on the goals of the census: to determine number of children (over age 23 should be registered); number of family members, children 4 & 5 years old; family members with professional background, i.e., electricians, teachers, construction, etc. Committee work consists of mailing, follow-up, phone calls. Geoff suggested announcing from the pulpit that parishioners can register on line.

>Orientation for new members of Parish Councils Monday, September 15 at St. Stanislaus Kostka School.

>Annual Parish Leadership Day Saturday, February 7, 2009 includes all-day talks and workshops at Maria High School, 6700 S. California.

>Re: Parish electrical sign, Geoff showed some sample photos. Village requirements to be determined.

Closing prayer was given by Cathy Stegich. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Claps, Secretary

Approved:

Date: _____