

Minutes from Parish Council Meeting for June 9, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Mapel, Geyman, Janson, Fiorelli, Fr. Holland, Douglas, Capretta, Miroglotta, Rahill, Fr. Ireland, Devita, Doles, Belin

Prayer led by Tom Capretta. Tom also offered his welcome to new members.

Father Ireland's Report:

Welcome to Father Holland and two new members of the council. Father Holland introduced himself to us as well. Mr. Fiorelli and Mr. Janson introduced themselves as well as new members. Fr. Ireland thanked the new members and the outgoing members, Tom Capretta and Mark Geyman.

Fr. Ireland publicly thanked PTC and Women's Guild for Fr. Ken's reception. Commented that Fr. Ken enjoyed his assignment here and is doing well at his new parish.

Parish picnic went well. Some new members of Parish Life Commission as well as seasoned members had worked hard for the event. Thanks to Mr. Rahill for slaving over the heat to barbecue! Next time picnic might benefit from some greater lead time. Knights of Columbus might take some leadership on the picnic for next year. Group is still looking for members. Men of the parish are greatly encouraged to be a part of the Knights.

8th graders graduated this past week. Total of 68 students. Delightful group.

Fr. Ireland is planning the white water rafting adventure.

Church has received some quotes for the roofing project, but work has not been planned yet for pricing reasons. Women's Guild donated some of their proceeds from the fashion show to help towards the roofing project.

Parish will establish 1 new commission, 1 new group. Education Commission will be formulated by diocesan guidelines. Father Holland will chair that group. Also will form evangelization committee, also chaired by Father Holland. Social Concerns will be overseen by Deacon Chordas. Pre-Cana by Father Holland, as will be RICA, Fr. Ireland will take PTC, Athletics will be by Father Holland. Father Ireland will chair the others remaining (endowment, etc.)

Father Ireland commented that he has known Father Holland for some time, and sees that Fr. Holland's teaching skills will work well with the parish work, especially in adult education.

Father Ireland then excused himself to attend the cluster meeting scheduled for tonight as well.

Minutes from May 6th meeting reviewed and approved.

Election guidelines: Tom Capretta will try to assemble the guidelines and to put up the pictures of new members and of Fr. Holland. Goal to have this completed by festival dates this summer.

Tom Capretta will assemble and duplicate as needed Parish Council guides for new members. Will include updated bylaws.

Census: Possible address to congregation regarding participation. Discussion about possible presentation from group that organized tithing program vs. presentation by parishioners to spark involvement. Other census issues—hopefully will be passed along to groups that would be responsible for them.

Festival Challenge: Hoping that everyone can get another person to be involved in the festival.

Parish Life: Bob reported that the picnic went well. About 185 people in attendance. Commission helped by Mike Benda and wife Heather. Mike will be interim chair. Denise will be stepping down. Tom will be leaving Parish Council, but joining the Parish Life Commission. Pat Rahill also volunteered to join the group as well. Hoping that volunteerism for this group can increase. Mentioned Outback as a place that can help us with this as a social activity and as a fundraiser.

Spiritual Life: Dave reported presentation by Sue Andrews from the Rosary Congress to group. Dave submitted handout. Activity of continuous adoration goes for 5 nights/6 days, hosted by Holy Rosary in Little Italy. Theme of the Congress is the renewal of the family and religious life. Homebound communion going well, with new referrals being received. Adoration program tapering off somewhat. Tom Kelly who had been in charge of program is now principal of PSR program. New administrator for program is needed. Bible study on Monday mornings will take summer off. Coffee House theology will break for summer as well. Catholic Men's Fellowship continues to be active and does well.

Social Concerns: No report.

Finance Report: Kevin addressed modest teacher increase in salary. Also announced that Mrs. Reiter as decided to retire. Looking for English and possible religion teacher. Looking at candidates closely.

Reported Jarod's Law inspection. Was not as bad as anticipated. One thing to address is repair of some concrete and stone around school. Small issues of that nature need attention. Overall, inspection went well.

Entering summer maintenance period. Moving furniture, painting, buffing floors, etc. while teachers are not in. Reported some efforts to diagnose and fix leaking roof in parts of church.

Briefly discussed letters that were sent to parents of school children not contributing requested minimums to church collections. Some reactions noted.

Cluster Committee: Mark reported that each cluster parish participated in surveys. Information is being compiled and a recommendation is being formulated. Discussing now when a "town meeting" will be held in late July (tentative timing) in each parish simultaneously. Facilities report would hopefully be received before the Cluster Committee makes final recommendation.

Next meeting in September, date TBA.

Tom offered his good wishes, thanks, and hopes for the Council's work in the future.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.