

St. Mary's Cathedral
Parish Council Minutes
March 25, 2008

Chair: Tom Gaetz
Recorder: Judy Barthelemy

1.0 Called to order at 7:31p.m. by Tom Gaetz

- 1.1 Gathering prayer by Fr. Anthony Oelrich
- 1.2 Roll Call

Attending:

Judy Barthelemy (2010), Suzanne Owen (2009), Mike Boyle (2009), Deb Castellanos (2009), Karen Reisdorf (2008), Tom Gaetz (2008), Vonnie Ibes (2008), Fr. Tony Oelrich, Peter Donohue (Trustee), Hannah Wocken (youth rep), Vern Dahlheimer (guest)

Absent:

Matt Lucas (2010), Randy Bayerl (2010), Ann Cofell (trustee)

2.0 Recommended Action

2.1 Agenda Items

- Parish Breakfast
- Parish Budget & Financials (Proposed Budget handed out)
- Emergency Preparedness
- Vern Dahlheimer--speaker presentation
- Holy Week Review
- Nomination Process

2.2 Agenda to be set prior to meetings and minutes to be distributed prior to meetings

- Discussed possibility of a recording secretary to attend all council meetings
- Record and type minutes
- Forward all minutes to Katina Bruggeman for distribution
- Betty Miller or Katina mentioned as possible volunteers (Tom to make phone calls)

3.0 Vern Dahlheimer presentation

3.1 Kathy Langer is presenting to parishes on Bishop's teachings

- Faithful Citizenship
- Catholic Social Teaching

3.2 Use as a resource after mass, invite all to come to presentation

3.3 Possibly after social time

3.4 May 18th or Sept. 14, 21, or 28th. (Vern to follow up on date with Kathy)

3.5 Payment--question as part of Honorarium or fee (Vern to follow up with Kathy)

3.6 Requesting copies of topics discussed to be available for listeners to take home from presentation

3.7 Why Vote book by Bernie Evans to be available for parishioners after presentation

4.0 Financial Report by Peter Donohue

4.1 \$10,000 discrepancy last month has been settled now for proposed balance budget

4.2 '08-'09 budget presented very comparable to '06-'07 budget

4.3 Finance committee very diligent, being conservative with income

4.4 Walked through line items--questions answered as needed

4.5 Organ not included in budget--will come from reserves

Recap Casey Marin proposed \$30,000 cleaning, second opinion said full cleaning not needed, but proposed annual preventative cleanings and checks done instead. Sub-committee of Dr. Echols, Andrew Phillippe & Eileen Farrell will present to council any proposals for organ work.

4.6 Effective date of budget 7-1-08

4.7 Fr. Tony to check with Joe Ackerman on household budget surplus (Follow up in April meeting)

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Parish Breakfast--Discussion began at Feb. meeting

Volunteers need for kitchen---emails to social committee by Deb gave received no response. Mary Heying, Nancy Zabinski and Bill McConnell to be contacted by Tom Gaetz.

Dates in question between 4-27 and 5-13

Looking to do one time and see success

Announcement to go in bulletin a few weeks prior

Small charge--not used as fundraiser, rather a social event

5.2 Nomination Process

Announcement in bulletin for 4-5,6 and 4-12,13

Nominations accepted until April 20th

Discernment May 4th after mass (announcement in bulletin 4-27,28)

7-1-08 start date for new members

Mike Boyle makes suggestion to mention outgoing members

Limit of two consecutive terms (3 years each), no limitation overall

Council is gender balanced (incoming 2 females, 1 male)

6.0 New Business

6.1 Remote check scanning coming for parishes

--initial cost of scanner, but will be more accountable for in-house transactions

--check storage for 3-4 weeks in house, electronic storage permanent (bank is back-

up)

--will reduce errors in bookkeeping

---go live date soon: information will go in bulletin prior to start-up

6.2 Emergency Preparedness

--Scenario from few weeks back given, ushers escorted out, ambulance called

--many elderly in our parish

--Tom Gaetz made proposal for key volunteers to take training course in CPR/First Aid/AED, also donation of AED Training for ushers and greeters, parish to pay for training

--Peter Donohue noted AED is available, located in hall between church and parish house. Usher has key

--Discussion of who to call: Hannah Wocken will get list of lead ushers to Tom. They will be made aware of healthcare workers in parish

6.3 Holy Week--recap

--Trumpets not used this year, they were missed

--23 kids at Palm Sunday children's liturgy. Good Success

--Thank you extended to Mike Boyle for RCIA program ---11 members this year

--Bishop Kinney, John Wocken, Eileen Farrell did nice job of services

--Impressive community of St. Mary's, many volunteers throughout week were needed

7.0 Committee Reports: Finance above noted, no other reports

8.0 Next Meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday, April 29th

9.0 Adjournment: 9:21pm