

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

Chair: Deb Castellanos
Recorder: Judy Barthelemy

1. Called to order at 7:30p.m. by Deb Castellanos

1.1 Gathering prayer by Fr. Anthony Oelrich and reading by Mike Boyle

1.2 Roll Call

Attending:

Judy Barthelemy (2010), Randy Bayerl (2010), Mike Boyle (2009), Deb Castellanos (2009), Jodi George (2011), Jim Wildeson (2011), Sheila Reineke (2011), Hannah Wocken (youth rep), Fr. Tony Oelrich, Lisa Neu (guest)

Absent:

Suzanne Nordos (2009), Matt Lucas (2010), Peter Donohue (Trustee), Ann Coffel, Joe Ackerman

1.3 Bilaws state >3 absents by a member or members should be reviewed. Deb to call member(s) that need reminding of bilaws.

2. Agenda was reviewed and approved. No additions made. Judy made motion to approve, Sheila 2nd. All approved.

3. Minutes from the October 28, 2008 meeting were approved. Approved by Mike Boyle, 2nd by Randy Bayerl.

3.1 Bilaws state minutes to be published in bulletin. There is to be a note in the bulletin to refer to website or back of church.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Visioning:

Lisa Neu gave presentation on Revisioning of Faith Formation. Looking to energize Faith Formation program, especially in adult faith formation. Organizing cohort to meet once a month from 1-5pm and 1 day retreat/year. This is a leadership cohort and is looking for participation and support.

Currently has 3 people expressing interest, would like 12.

Purpose of group to lead others and grow faith--mission oriented. Would include speakers, movies, readings of topics--lead by Lisa Neu.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Visioning: Fr. Tony would like visioning process. Recommends going over bilaws and constitution this month and discuss at next meeting. Wants council to be goal oriented.

Three stages of visioning process:

1. Identify who we are (strengths of parish)

2. What are challenges of parish (concerns, areas of struggle)

3. Identify 1-3 goals measureable over 6-12 month period.

As a council we would oversee the tasks to completion.

St. Mary's specific mission: unable to be found on website. There is a feeling of need to identify our mission. The mission should say "who we are" and needs to articulate this.

We discussed the first stage of the visioning process "Identify who we are"

--The Cathedral

--Financially balanced

--Exceptional liturgies

--Prayerful music

--"Building" the structure is inspiring

--Faithful/committed parishioners

--Active members

--Lay ministry

--Strong involvement

--Fellowship

--Diversity

- Training for ministries
- Time adjustments (schedules)

The next step will be to discuss the second stage: Challenges

****ACTION:** bring ideas to the January meeting and review the strengths

5.2 Community Assistance Committee: Fr. Tony is getting more answers from social service organizations and other pastors.

5.3 Members on committees: According to bilaws each member on a parish committee so they can bring evaluation to the council. Concensus to continue with visioning and forego committees until our visioning goal is reached.

6.0 Next Meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday, January 27th

7.0 Adjournment at 8:55pm.