

**St. Mary's Cathedral
Parish Council Minutes**

February 24, 2009

Chair: Deb Castellanos

Recorder: Judy Barthelemy

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

1.1 Gathering prayer by Sheila Reineke

1.2 Roll Call

Attending:

Deb Castellanos (2009), Suzanne Nordos (2009), Judy Barthelemy (2010),
Randy Bayerl (2010), Jim Wildeson (2011), Sheila Reineke (2011),
Jodi George (2011), Joe Ackerman

Absent:

Mike Boyle (2009), Hannah Wocken (Youth Rep), Fr. Tony Oelrich

2. Agenda was reviewed. One additional agenda item added: Joe Ackerman to speak. Suzanne made motion to approve, Sheila 2nd. All approved.

3. Minutes from the January 27, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections. No longer will list trustees in "absent" under roll call, and changed #4 to read "president to appoint", in place of "Fr. Tony to appoint". Approved by Sheila, 2nd by Randy to accept corrections.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Tabling appointment of new member

4.2 Reviewed challenges from last meeting, no additions or changes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Joe Ackerman spoke on "Hands Across the World". A group that meets with immigrant families when moving into area. Looking for classroom time for teaching English as 2nd language, adapt to American culture, finding careers, schooling, etc. Looking for rent-free area. Looking at Mary Center's 2nd floor for the needed space, to begin using on March 15th. They follow District 742 schedule, and also offer child care for 5 and under. Approximately 45 adults and 15 children. It would be 4-5 days/wk for 2.5 hrs daily for 3 years.

Discussion given. Questions brought up and more answers would be needed: Why leaving current location? Parking issues? Liability? Which room to access? Reimbursement? Would need contract drawn up for use, liability, risk. If sponsored through United Way, is that a source of reimbursement? Also, what is our planned

future use of Mary Center in next 3 years? Look at possibly "staffing" for safety purposes. At this time there are many questions, and unknowns for the board to feel comfortable recommending this action.

Council is requesting next step to have Joe talk with Fr. Tony, Peter and Ann.

5.2 Election Process

Group wants to start from scratch. Ideas discussed for ways to nominate parishioners, and to find a checking system to be sure nominees are not missed. Idea of letting parishioner know they are nominated, what the parish council does, what expectations are.

Sequence of events--

Nominations--2 Sundays

Mailing

Receive info and picture back

Possible insert in bulletin

Discernment

Forming a subcommittee of Randy and Jodi to keep nominations going smoothly and check with Fr. Tony. Pull in current credentials from bilaws. Randy and Jodi will let council know in next two weeks of a plan. They will form a plan, present to Fr. Tony, and advise the council.

5.3 Goals--Brainstorm ideas/process ()--indicate # voting

(4) Liturgical Ministry--strengthen, add Director of Liturgy

(1) Social Justice

(4) Communication

(5) Evangelization/ Welcoming

(3) Stewardship

(5) Cluster--areas where parishes can work together (youth, faith formation, health)

(2) Leadership Development

The areas of most interest we should see as potential topics for the council to make goals under.

6.0 Next Meeting March 24th, 7:30pm

7.0 Suzanne made a motion to Adjourn, Deb 2nd.