

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH
UNAPPROVED PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 2010

APPROVED _____

Present: Fr. Joseph Aufdermauer, Louise Cwiklinski, Janis Fitschen, Mike Flaherty, Brian Graf, Virginia Grimm, Liz Hanna, Sharon Hirsch, David Koenig, Emmy Lou Norris, Bob Opichka, Dave Stawicki, Carol Van Duser, Dennis Wisialowski

Absent: Jenn Houdyshell, Gladys Johnson, Carl Steinke

Guests: Debbie Gonyo, Mary Simon

Opening Prayer and Scripture Readings

New Member Breakfast: Mary reported that out of 34 invitations sent out to new members for the breakfast, there had been only 4 responses with just one yes. They are now beginning to call those who didn't respond. Invitations were distributed to Council members who were requested to respond. Several people will be asked to speak about some of the volunteer opportunities in the parish. A relatively new parish member has come forward with some new ideas for welcoming new members, such as home visits with a welcome basket. Mary and Debbie welcome new ideas.

The March **minutes** were approved as corrected. (Louise Cwiklinski moved, Janis Fitschen seconded)

Report from Fr. Joseph Aufdermauer: Fr. Joe distributed a sheet listing **Parish Council Training Sessions for 2010**. He encouraged Council members who hadn't attended one to do so. There is also the option of viewing it on the Web. If interested, contact Dennis for necessary set up.

Report from Liz Hanna: Liz pointed out the new look the **Easter bulletin** had that was friendlier for visitors, including a tear out section if interested in more information.

There are 7 people traveling to **El Salvador** this summer: Ann Hepp, Bob and Dawn Opichka, Erin Gaughan, Don Kasun, and Mike and Liz Hanna.

Liz read a thank you letter from **Rabbi Schapiro** thanking the parish for its hospitality, warm welcome, ecumenical work, and bonds of friendship. She also mentioned that Rabbi Schapiro was so impressed with the Lenten outreach effort for Haiti that he added a check of his own to it.

Emmy Lou expressed appreciation for **Fr. Joe's Scripture Study** during Lent. It was remarked that the number of attendees was unprecedented.

Report from Dennis Wisialowski:

Dennis reported that as of May 1, Jim Boeder will go part-time and Gary Dorgay will assume full time **maintenance duties**.

July 1 Marilyn Zwick will go to 10 hours and Ann Hepp will assume full time responsibilities for pre-K through 6th grade in the **Christian Formation Office**.

Unfinished Business:

David Koenig verified that all **liaisons** will have met with their respective committees and be able to **report** at the May Parish Council meeting.

Bob Opichka of the **Discernment Committee** updated the list of those planning to discern for Parish Council in order to send out the Share the Faith/Spiritual Gifts packets. He also requested Council members retake the **Spiritual Gifts inventory**. Council members were requested to plan to attend as many Discernment sessions as possible.

Mission Statement**New Business:**

There was beginning sharing on the questions presented on the “**Discussion Sheet**” distributed to each member. It was decided to discuss the first question, “Why are we a Parish?” at the May meeting. All are encouraged to ponder what the Bible might have to say about this and to talk with parish members about the question to determine their understanding of Parish.

Before any decisions are made regarding displaying our **Mission Statement**, it will be necessary to clarify what we presently have.

To help insure all **perspective volunteers** are contacted, lists of volunteers from the Stewardship sheets will be given to the respective liaisons.

A thank you note from the **Auction Committee** for Council’s donation was read. The Auction earned between \$30,000-32,000 this year. The Finance Committee is trying to reduce the need for these funds and those of the Festival as a budget item.

Bingo at the Festival is in desperate need of a Chair.

Parish Concerns**We Pray for Others**

Closing Prayer: Janis led the closing prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, May 6, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. Louise has closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Van Duser
Secretary

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Cathy Riedl
Recording Secretary