

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2009

*Attendees: Father Bryan Parrish, Nick Lyons, Matt Savard, Neal Doherty, Greg Chandler, Frank Tenaglia, Dominique Mathieu, Andrea Heinstadt, Frank Hogan, Mary Leahy, Katy Horgan, Father Sean Maher*

1) Review of September meeting minutes

2) Review of Parish Picnic:

\*pluses: tents for shade, DJ and music, food, many children

\*Andrea Heinstadt will not be doing the food next year but will pass off the info and “how to’s” to the new organizer of that department

\*picnic funded by Connecting Catholic Families, a few families and parish funds – Father Bryan sees it as \$\$ well spent

\*next year will emphasize and promote as a welcome to new families and parishioners; more help will be needed with the setup and cleanup

\*date for next year’s picnic will be September 19, 2010 (organizing meeting will be in August)

3) Parish Council Membership

Father Bryan said that he had been forwarded a few names by parishioners who would like to serve on the Parish Council and that others had nominated some other names. Father Bryan also announced that he had nominated Neal Doherty to be his official pastor’s appointment on the council. A discussion followed about what kind of parishioner would best service the council. A general agreement was that it was important to have all different groups represented on the council. This should be a group that listened to many voices. Father Bryan and Frank Tenaglia would call a few of the people nominated and talk to them about possibly serving for a 3 year term. The following council members had completed their terms: Andrea Heinstadt, Frank Hogan, Tom MacDonald, and Pat Costello. They were all thanked for their participation and hard work over the years and will be missed going forward. New student representation on the council will be selected in the spring as the 3 current members will be graduating and going to college next year.

4) Parish Activities: see attachment

The majority of the meeting was spent on organizing the parish activities and ministries into subgroups of the following church sectors: **WORSHIP, FORMATION, ADMINISTRATION, OUTREACH, AND COMMUNITY**. Our next meeting will be devoted to discussing the organization of these activities and how we will best ensure that each group communicates with others in the parish and within our sister parishes. A lot of this organization is necessary in our ongoing planning for a one priest parish some day.

5) New Parish Directory

A new pictorial parish directory was last organized by Mary DiCenzo and there is a sense that it is time to update this popular booklet. Father Bryan suggested that we put off this undertaking for a bit as the administrative office has a lot of new people learning their jobs right now. Hopefully, Kristen McArdle, parish administrative assistant will be able to assist in this task in the near future.

6) Miscellaneous

\*Neal Doherty said that the first week of ARISE had 40 new members show up for a total of 140 people currently participating. He believes part of it was the great article in the Clipper that spread the Word of this event.

\*Mary Leahy announced that there has been some interest in her new Christianity Today book group and the first meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

\*Frank Hogan reminded everyone that Holy Family would be ringing the bells on October 24<sup>th</sup> with other Interfaith Council members to raise awareness to help lower carbon emissions

\*Katy Horgan discussed the upcoming Connecting Catholic Families coat drive and who would be the benefactors of the drive this year

\*Greg Chandler discussed the ways that the ASP group was addressing a complaint that they got over the summer about the group and how that follow up process was going and who was handling it. This year's kick off meeting will be October 18, 2009.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.