

Parish Council Minutes
May 23, 2006

Members present: D'Arcy Rapp, Sarah Neumann, Maria Oehl, Ron Frederick, Lucas Volkman, Jason Doke, Fr. Charlie, Carol Miller.

Members Absent: Ted Arthur, Esteban Ruvalcaba, Darren Meyer, Cari Trock, Jennifer Dudenhoefter.

Guests: Eleanor Braddock, Elizabeth Isele.

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7pm.

Minutes from April's meeting were accepted.

Discussion for Long Range Plans included the necessity to review goals of each particular commission. The parish council rep to each commission is to request a list of their goals suggesting they be prioritized in order to make them manageable and therefore achievable.

There was discussion that the St. Thomas More Newman Center's Mission is Campus Ministry so that needs to be in focus for all long range planning. One way to achieve this ministry is through horizontal integration within the community. It was suggested that each commission, ie Youth, Adult Ed, CEP, etc., should have a student on the committee.

There was also discussion on the desire for there to be expansion on Vocation Awareness. Some suggestions were documentation of the accomplishments Newman has had thus far in recruiting seminary attendees. It was stated that all the Newman Scholar winner's submission papers are in library for access to anyone interested in reading their selections. There are plans to display a framed picture of all the Newman Speaker Series presenters.

A letter was received from Bishop Gaydos with information about the Diocesan 50th Anniversary Jubilee celebration. It is to be held Aug 26, 2006 at 3pm at the Holiday Inn Select. Newman has be allotted 24 tickets. D'Arcy will get with Carol to come up with a list of parishioners to invite.

Eleanor reported and expressed her gratitude in that 11 out of the 12 deaneries filled out the questionnaires.

Pastor's Report: Painting is to be complete in the downstairs level of the Newman facility.

Carol expressed concern about the on going problem with the HVAC. Fr Charlie stated that both Tony Bonderer and Warren Prost has been very involved in all the efforts so they would be a good contact for future problems to ensure we don't spend money repeating efforts already tried in the past.

Commission Summaries:

Worship: Sarah reported that they reviewed Triduum. Also, they intend to review their ministry over the summer and then invite new people to become members in the fall. The next meeting is July 26 at 7:30pm.

Religious Education: Maria said she did make contact informing them she is the new Parish Council rep but there was no report for she hasn't been to a meeting yet.

Stewardship: Jason reported the current project is the Cook-Off Send-Off for the priests.

Tithing: Ron – No Report.

No reports from the other commissions due to nonattendance at this meeting by the reps.

Other New Business:

There was a Spring Fling Wrap-Up meeting. Discussed was to come up with new ideas and new leaders for next year's Spring Fling.

Jason, as a representative of the Knights of Columbus council, asked for a vote for a 3 party vendor to be able to sell beer in conjunction with the Knights food sales during MU Football Season's tailgating. There was much discussion, mostly about the concerns of liability, and after the vote the request was denied.

Jason, as a representative of the Stewardship Committee requested renovations for the kitchen. He stated that since there is \$90,000 in the maintenance budget there are funds available to purchase dishes, a dishwasher, a garbage disposal, a fume hood and some stainless steel tables. The cost of all those items is \$14,000 and the cost for installation is \$3,000- \$4,000. Fr Charlie stated that those costs should come out of New Equipment and Furnishings, not the Maintenance Budget, and that there is only \$10,000 in the New Equipment Budget. He said this request should be come from the Facilities Commission, not from the individual commissions such as Stewardship, and asked Jason to conduct a feasibility study.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: August 22, 7pm.