

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2005**

Name
Adrian, Stephen
Aligada, Connie
Clarke, Suzanne
Kennedy, Doug
Montgomery, Becky
Olson, Marty
Sachi, Larry
Sekevitch, John
Sellers, Linda

Present:

Fr. Steve Adrian, Connie Aligada, Becky Montgomery, Larry Sachi, John Sekevitch, Linda Sellers

Oncoming Council Members: Lucas Ecker, Sister Joanna Illg, Mark Thomford, Tony Joe Wenker

Guests: Mary Lou Logsdon, Mari Perron, Susan Pavlak

Suzanne Clark, Doug Kennedy, Marty Olson notified the parish council in advance they would be absent.

Facilitator: Becky Montgomery

Recorder: Larry Sachi

GATHERING & REFLECTION: Reflection was led by Becky

Mark asked for a mentor to help him with his duties on the council. Connie agreed to this.

I. Designation of Parish Trustees for 2005-2006

Linda handed out information about Trustees from the Archdiocese and suggested the following:

- A. Council looks over this information and delay decision
- B. Look again at having Council members be the trustees, may want to look outside the council. This would mean changing constitution. This would bring up the problem if Treasurer not a member of Council, how does Council get liason to Finance Council.
- C. Trustees be appointed for a set period of time so one person doesn't hold for a long period of time. (i.e. appoint for maybe 4-5 years so someone doesn't stay on for 25 years.)

- D. Linda offered to stay on as trustee until decision made. Believed Marty would stay as well. But both indicated they did not want to continue once decision is made.

Consensus reached on following Linda's suggestion.

II. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee submitted minutes and the Child Care budget.

Becky also presented the report from the St. Matthew's Task Force Report. The task force is looking into getting contacts for respite care. This will continue.

Concern for income on the Child Care was expressed. In order for the Council to keep an eye on the budget, John asked what are the metrics? The staffing requirements are 1 staff for 4 infants, 1 to 7 toddlers and 1 to 10 for preschoolers. Current enrollment is 39, 4 infants, 14 toddlers, 21 preschoolers. It was suggested that the Council get reports monthly on income and staffing on Childcare so we can watch if budget gets off track.

Finance Council recommendation to review the May 2004 Council decision about possibly closing the Child Care. Susan expressed objection to way documented in past. Larry said he would put in writing to the Finance Council the decision that was made tonight.

The Child Care budget showed a net profit of \$43K, caused by some staff restructuring as presented by Beth Behnke, a \$10K grant gift from Pax Christi, and a contracted reduction in rent. A consensus was needed to be reached on the status of the Child care. A consensus was reached that the Childcare stay open. The following was mentioned:

- A. Lucas asked about what commitment for staying we are asking from those using the Daycare. Suggested this be handled by taskforce.
- B. Sister Joanna suggested we need to decide if we are committed to Childcare even if a deficit should occur. Linda suggested if we agree to this we make the Parish part of the mission. This can go along with Stewardship meetings upcoming.

III. Draft Interim Procedures for Parish Council

It was suggested this be tabled. Further discussion on this can take place at retreat. Consensus reached on this suggestion.

IV. Constitution Subcommittee

It was suggested this be tabled until more discussion could take place on III above.. Mary Lou Logsdon offered to serve on committee when establish. Linda suggested me might want other input from parishioners on this as well. Consensus reached on tabling.

V. Stewardship Meetings

John reported these meetings would begin 6/28/05 and those Council members

attending agreed. Table discussion would be around 4 or 5 questions of mission of the parish and who could volunteer time and talents. John agreed he would follow-up on any surveys taken. This stewardship would focus on our property, mission, and community. It would hope to create a deeper ownership in that as well as tapping into financial and other personnel resources. A report will be provided at the next Council meeting.

VI. Parish Action Plan/Project 2000

Due to time this was tabled but Becky asked those who had reports to submit from a group they visited to forward them to her.

VII. Council Retreat and Dates for Future Council Meetings.

Larry suggested we look at the last Wednesday of the month. Lucus' work scheduled could not always accommodate this. We ended up suggesting that perhaps some could be on Sunday afternoons.

With this in mind, we scheduled a Council retreat for Sunday, July 24 from noon to 4 pm in the Social Hall. And our next council meeting for Wednesday Aug. 30 at 6:45 PM. Consensus was reached on these dates.

The retreat would be for the Council members as of July 1 plus those Council members who had just ended their terms June 30. The planning of the retreat was turned over to the subcommittee which would include Suzanne, Connie, & Tony Jo. Susan Pavlak offered to help with a meal if that was wanted and that suggestion was passed onto the subcommittee for their review. It was suggested that this retreat concentrate on our overall mission and duties as a Parish Council and further understanding of the consensus model. Linda suggested we have people other than council members as facilitators and recorders. This also was passed on to the subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40

Retreat Sunday, July 24, 2005 Social Hall 12:00 noon to 4 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, August 30, 6:45 PM Parish Center – Larry Sachi, facilitator. Recorder to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Sachi, Recorder