

Parish Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday, November 5, 2012

Present: Msgr. Garrity, Mary Hopwood, Andrew Cieslik, Kristen Allison, Tom Perry, Walt Hanson, Patty Murphy, Jeff Knox, Larry Lehmann, Larry Moran, Trish Varga, Michelle Johnson

Absent: Pat Flood

Opening Prayer: Msgr. Garrity

- I. Introductions (new members)
  - A. Explanation of length of terms
  - B. Will be electing officers
    1. Chair – runs meetings, organizes agenda
    2. Vice-chair – fill-in for absence of chair
    3. Secretary – check with admin. assistant to make sure minutes are being distributed
- II. Seton Hall Policy and Procedures
  - A. Handout from Marilyn
  - B. Questions/Comments
    1. Proof of Insurance – How do we know whether or not the insurance being presented is valid? Msgr. Garrity – expand paragraph about liability; person actually renting the room needs to understand that they assume all liability
    2. Will this be included on the website? Yes, once finalized.
  - C. Other than liability clarification – all are in agreement for final presentation of policies
- III. Construction Update/Future Plans
  - A. Finances handout from Ellie
  - B. Projects
    1. Pavilion – almost completed with money left in account; still needs electrical, and ceiling, and driveway to fire pits
    2. Debt – we have come a long way from the debt we had in 2010
    3. Will complete current projects, then will send that account to the school for construction of the new preschool wing – received approval from Bishop Stika this week to go ahead with the project
      - a. Wing will have restrooms (men’s and women’s) open only to the outside for outdoor parish functions
      - b. Clarification – We are building a new wing for kindergarten and putting a preschool in the current kindergarten wing.
    4. Capital Campaign – late 2014/early 2015 to help build Parish Life Center and bring down debt.
    5. Spring Fling – be thinking about plans for this; pavilion and new playground will be finished (Parish and Family Life Committee will take the lead).

6. Living the Eucharist – handout from Tom Perry on this faith renewal program encouraged by Bishop Stika; all of parish council will be involved.
- IV. Committee Highlights
- A. Youth Group – Andrew Cieslik
    1. Happy to have Kristen Allison on board as his vice-representative
  - B. Education & Faith Formation – Larry Moran
    1. RCIA has 21 adults and 17 teenagers – having marriage issues and may not be ready by Easter
  - C. Administration – Larry Lehmann (handout)
  - D. Communications – Walt Hanson (handout)
    1. Working on parish history for website
    2. Information on church bulletin boards should be duplicated and displayed in Seton Hall for those who may have missed them after Mass.
    3. We should not reprint the art and architecture books, because we have plenty. These are available for free to anyone.
  - E. Spiritual Life – Tom Perry (handout)
  - F. Education of SJNCS – Jeff Knox
    1. School did very well with SACS evaluation
    2. Taking steps toward an improvement in technology – iPads, wi-fi throughout the school
    3. Numbers are down; new marketing director is working on community partnerships, spreading the news through newspapers, etc.
  - G. Family and Parish Life – Trish Varga (handout)
    1. Women’s Group – want to have a market day in gym or pavilion
    2. Would like to set up a facebook page – several issues involving who would be posting, what they would be posting, because they may be speaking for the parish
- V. Election of Officers
- A. Chair Nominees – Larry Lehmann and Andrew Cieslik  
Larry is elected chair.
  - B. Vice-Chair Nominees – Andrew Cieslik, Tom Perry, and Walt Hanson  
Walt is elected vice-chair.
  - C. Secretary Nominees – Larry Moran and Michelle Johnson  
Michelle Johnson is elected secretary.

Closing Prayer – Msgr. Garrity