

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
Meeting – Monday May 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 with the prayer led by Dorothy Caruolo.

INTRODUCTION: The minutes of the previous meeting from April 23rd were approved.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Liturgy Committee:

The Liturgy Committee reported that the Corpus Christi procession would begin and end on the Main Church Parish Campus, and not begin at the Stone Church.

Ministry Fair:

Planning is continuing for the Parish Council to sponsor a Ministry Fair in September. There will be a notice in an upcoming Bulletin announcing the plan to hold the fair. Also, a letter will be sent to the coordinator of each Ministry asking them to consider sending representatives to staff a table at the fair.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer report's that there is \$22 remaining in the Parish Council account.

200th Anniversary Celebration:

A social event to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese is still being planned. Arrangements are being made for a bus to NYC for a tour of Old St. Patrick's on Mulberry Street, followed by a dinner break, then a short cruise on one of the local Circle Line tours. Details of the event will be released to the parish to be able to hold the event at the end of July.

Parish Council Constitution and By-Laws Updates:

Copies of the Parish Council Constitution and By-Laws containing all revisions over the last several years were distributed to all Parish Council members for review. Future meeting will discuss the need for changes. For Example, This is a preliminary discussion as to whether to change any provisions, such as the structure and description of the four standing Committee's to better reflect current activities.

Parish Council Elections:

Upcoming Parish Council elections will need to fill 5 open positions. Two new members will be on the ballot. There was a discussion as to why there is such apathy with so few parishioners expressing an interest to stand for election. No definitive conclusions seemed apparent.

End-of Year Dinner:

The Parish Council End-of-Year Dinner will be held on Sunday evening June 3rd at Gaudio's in Yorktown. This annual social event is held to thank departing Council members, welcome newly elected members and provide a moment of reflection upon the council year coming to a close

Catholic Catechism for graduating 8th Graders

Last year the Council had extra funds and purchased a hardcover copy of "The Catholic Catechism" books for students graduating 8th grade from the parish school. Because of limited fund-raising and inability to provide books for CCD as well as parish school graduates the council will defer any purchases to the school and the parish office.

Capital Campaign:

The Capital Campaign is moving from personal visits to forums open to all parishioners. As of this date about \$120 thousand dollars have been pledged, with some large gifts, and the fundraising professionals indicated that this seems to be on-track with the sated goal. Most people are asking good questions, about the nature of the work to be done, how will work be prioritized, such as safety first.

Open Discussion:

Tom Burns read a letter sent by Susan Wallace to all Religious Education teachers. There was great concern as to how we could have lost such a popular and competent parish servant.

CLOSING: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M. with a closing prayer led by Deacon Greg.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lou Antonelli, Secretary