



Parish Council Meeting

May 26, 2010

The Parish Council met at 7PM on Wednesday, May 26th, in the rectory.

Present: Ray D'Alessio, Deacon John Balchus, Sue Browne, Natalie Drew, Deacon Bob Ferraro, Jim Fullmer, Bill Galvin, Al Karg, Fr. George Mattathilanikal, Dan O'Sullivan & Jack Schuster.

Absent: Jackie Epright, Lou Ferrara, Peter Kilby, Gina Offner & Al Simeone. Father Jan was absent due to illness.

Deacon Bob Ferraro opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Council Members:

Topic #1: Parishioners have been requesting the use of parish tables and/or chairs.
We do not have a set policy for such requests. Discussion centered on the damage to or failure to return these items. Consensus was reached that we will allow these items to be borrowed. A written policy will be prepared indicating the responsibilities assumed by the borrower for any damages incurred. Bob Ferraro & Al Karg will be "gatekeepers" issuing the items & checking for damage upon their return.

Topic #2: Parish Council meeting minutes need to be concise & expedited.
Editorial comments should be limited. Council members will have 3 days to respond to the Secretary's draft. Father Jan should respond promptly after he receives the final draft.

Topic #3: One Suggestion was received: Using Scotch tape or thumb tacks to post bulletins on the church doors causes' damage to the varnish finish.

No posters will be attached to the church doors. Either Father Jan or Father George should be notified before any item is posted in the church. Bob Ferraro will look into possible alternatives; perhaps a cork board would be suitable. Notices attached to the bulletin board in the narthex should appear no earlier than 1 month in advance.

Topic #4: What role does the Parish Council play in maintenance of the church buildings?
The Maintenance Committee will work with Father Jan. Father Jan & that team will set the priorities for the tasks to be done. They will keep the Parish Council, the Financial Subcommittee & the K. of C. abreast on issues. The Maintenance Committee may ask the

Parish Council for recommendations & the Financial Subcommittee for funding, but the Maintenance Committee will be autonomous reporting directly to Fr. Jan, the pastor.

Other Items:

- 1). This was the last Parish Council meeting until September.
- 2). Ray D'Alessio reported that the contract has been signed to ultimately reduce the monthly electric bill by getting new energy efficient light fixtures for the church buildings.
- 3). John Balchus indicated that the Sign of Peace & the Holy Eucharist in both forms will be reinstated on the weekend of June 5th/6th.
- 4). The need for a Liturgical Committee & review of music for weekend masses was discussed.
- 5). Recent damage caused by electrical lightning strikes was noted & the need for improved lightning protection should be discussed. This should be an item revisited at a future Parish Council or Maintenance Team meeting.
- 6). Impending changes in the liturgy of the mass should be clarified to the parish after Bishop Cote grants permission to the pastors to do so.

Father George closed the meeting with a prayer.