

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2009

The Parish Council of Blessed Sacrament Church met in the Rectory at 7:00 PM.
In attendance: Father McCarthy, Father Dallas, Linda Cramer, Claire Barnhill, John Burns, Pat Ehsanipoor, Kevin Glover, Ann Harte, David Kolinski, Pat Parker, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Jeanne Zittrauer.

Opening Prayer: Father McCarthy.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the May, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2009-2010

Chair – Pat Parker
Vice Chair – David Kolinski
Secretary – Pat Ehsanipoor

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2009-2010

Stewardship committee: Kevin Glover, Jeanne Zittrauer
Worship – Claire Barnhill
Parish Education: Jeanne Seaver
Parish Life – John Burns and Pat Parker
Christian Service – Ann Harte
Youth – David Kolinsky

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Report presented by Linda Cramer for Lynn Brown. Enrolment is 430 students for this academic year. Ms. Cramer reviewed goals, and explained that the committees and goals were aligned to focus on the Strategic Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Service: Ann Harte discussed St. Vincent De Paul meeting, and indicated that there is a good explanation of the Society in the Bulletin.

Parish Education: Kevin Glover presented the report. CCD and Children's Liturgy will begin September 13, 2009.

Confirmation is planned for November 30, 2009.

Parish Life: John Burns presented the report.

The St. Patrick's Day Breakfast will be scheduled for March 7, 2010 – date changed to avoid having Breakfast and the Celtic Cross Mass on the same date.

Signs have been ordered to place outside on mornings of coffee and donuts.

There was discussion of a Parish Picnic – John Burns will check the School schedule. It was suggested that it may be better to hold off on this for now, and consider again in the spring due to all of the return to school fall activities underway.

A cover dish dinner for new parishioners was introduced and discussed.

Stewardship: Pat Parker informed the group that resurfacing of the parking lot is complete. The water cooler is now in place in the Church. The sound has been re-wired in the cry room.

Father McCarthy distributed and reviewed the end of year Profit and loss report and balance sheet. (Copies attached to original minutes).

Worship: Jeanne Zittrauer reported that Dana Mitchell is now coordinating the altar servers. Claire Barnhill indicated there are eighteen members in the Altar Society, and others are welcome.

Holy Hour is now planned for the first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Youth: Margo Harrison reported that there is an increase in number of CYO participants. Efforts underway to recruit an adult volunteer to assist.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Directory: Mary Ellen Sullivan announced that the Committee is meeting the second week in September to finalize plans and announce in the bulletin.

Facility Improvement: Modifications are underway to modify the Rectory to make it more functional and user friendly. No major financial needs required at this time.

Renderings were review for possible future Church remodeling.

Social Ministry Team: Jeanne Zittrauer provided a brief overview of the Social Ministry Team, which focuses on living Gospel values and based upon Catholic Social Teachings. The Team recently has interviewed multiple members of the Parish, and compiled data obtained from these interviews.

Interview data reflected that there are a lot of activities within the Parrish, but we need an increased connectedness, and information regarding activities provided to Parish members.

Data summary of identified interest and needs reflected the following: Services for senior citizens, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Operation Rice Bowl and other activities during Lent, Education regarding fair trade, and ongoing social awareness education.

NEW BUSINESS:

1401 Washington Ave. – This residence was gifted to the Parish by the Bruno estate. It has been renovated, and now is rented.

Bruno Estate Gift: In addition to the Washington Avenue residence there was a significant financial contribution from the Estate.

New Parish Staff: Father McCarthy announced that Jeanne Zittrauer is now employed by the Parish. The new Youth Director is Catherine Richie.

Closing Prayer by Father Dallas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday November 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Ehsanipoor
Secretary

