

# **St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church**

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

June 14, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Fr. Kenny called to order the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council at **7:00 p.m.** on **June 14, 2010** at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church.

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Kenny said the opening prayer. Reading by Jeff Graham.

**Members Present:** Roll taken from Agenda. Mike Blome` and Ginny Modlin absent and excused.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 3, 2010 – No corrections noted to the minutes. Chris Lemoine motioned for approval and Richard Thompson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

### **Old Business:**

#### **(a) By Laws**

By-laws were reviewed from several other churches (handouts distributed by Richard Thompson).

Article II of By-Laws should include that you are baptized and a practicing Catholic.

Jeff suggested give members something to work toward. Participants should be involved in a catholic life.

Frank stated that the highest level of leadership is in the Pastoral Council and its membership should reflect a high level of leadership and involvement at St. Philip.

Create a notebook for each member with the by-laws and diocesan norms.

By-laws will be approved and signed off by Pastoral Council in August 2010.

By-laws will be completed no later than October 2010.

#### **(b) Council Election - Nomination/Recommendation for Pastoral Council**

Kate Conn passed out the following information:

Application for Nomination for Membership/Recommendation  
St. Philip's parish Pastoral Council Constitution and By-Laws

Discussion for nominations may be review on page 192 of the Parish Pastoral Council Workbook.

Fr. Kenny stated that a calendar should be developed for when applications are submitted and also when nominations would take place.

Fr. Kenny suggested that staff employees would not be allowed to serve as members in a voting position or as secretary/recorder of the meetings.

### **Calendar for Nomination/Recommendation for Pastoral Council**

Richard suggested flyers in the October-December bulletin. Election takes place in January and the individual(s) take office in February.

With the present membership the turnover for election should be three (3) new members each election. Fr Kenny is the Ex Officio. Deacon Blome` and Ginny Modlin are non voting members.

#### **(c) Parish Anniversary – November 8, 1981**

Plan a 'theme'

August 2010 -Outline History

November 2010 - Acknowledge anniversary committee

Collect Photos

Plan a mass to celebrate

Plan a pot luck

Write a news article/advertise in bulletin, web page, and parish communication center

Committee Nominations should be considered for some of the eldest members of St. Philip such as Rose Marie Johnson, Susan Johnson, Charles Cooley, Gwen Collins, or Lonnie Emanus. What do we want to ask them to do? Should we recognize them for the number of years at St. Philip?

#### **(d) Child Care**

Parish activities are an issue and St. Philip needs standards.

-Adult activities need child care

-People and space is available

-Caregivers will have to be investigated and will require VIRTUS training

-When would child care be provided? Ex. for social functions, bible study or implement on an as needed bases

-Address a Mother's Day Out Program which would be a positive generation of money for future building fund

-Establish a minimum and maximum age

-Address playground and safety area

-Address activities such as arts and crafts

-A possible charge for care. For example \$125/month for 2 days a week

A start date will be determined for the Child Care. Regulations and state guidelines need to be reviewed and established.

#### **(e) Prayer Garden**

Discussion of prayer garden brochure and how to purchase bricks was **tabled and moved to July's agenda.**

**(f) Parish Pastoral Council Workbook Discussion**

**Community in our Parish**

**page 77** – Add to #8 ~ no ministries, evoke and start implementing efforts for individuals who feel excluded such as young people, single adults, minorities, separated and divorced, single parents and the widowed, physically or mentally challenged as well as the homebound and the elderly.

Establish an annual review of policies on organizations and how to stay current.

**Page 78** ~ Evidence: Fr. Kenny has implemented Town Hall Meetings. Coffee/Doughnuts are an extension of our parish and members can meet and greet during that time. The Parish Communication Center disseminates news and information about upcoming events. Challenges: St. Philip lacks hospitality and welcoming newcomers.

Jeff stated the parish has promoted ecumenical relationships and activities such as blood drives and “Wheel chairs for Veterans”. No ecumenical group exists at St. Philip.

**Service in Parish Life – page 81**

In Fayette County, St. Philip has been involved in many events such as car shows, Fayette Cares and Appreciation Dinners for law enforcement

Item #4 ~ Fr. Kenny stated that a Bereavement Committee should be established for the sick, bereaved and the homebound.

**Other Considerations:**

**Parish Pastoral Council Discussion**

Jeff, Kate and Richard stated that volunteers should be solicited via bulletin inserts for nomination/recommendation.

Kate suggested that new Pastoral Council members attend a workshop. The class may be taught by Fr. Kenny or possibly Deacon Blome` or Ginny Modlin. Workshop would define roles and responsibilities. Workshop could possible take place on a Saturday for 8 hours for orientation. Or newly elected could possibly arrive 1 hour before meetings for review of workbook.

**New Business:**

**Logo:** Review and look into a logo (example on page 87 of workbook) for the Pastoral Council.

**Meetings:** Regular scheduled meetings (not monthly) should be scheduled, possibly no meetings in July and December. The Pastoral Council should meet no less than 10 months out of the calendar year.

**Adjournment:** Fr. Kenny set the next regular meeting for **Monday, July 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Kenny closed the meeting at 8:55 p.m.