

Meeting Minutes

Saint Theresa Parish Pastoral Council

June 8, 2005

Official Minutes

A the Home of Council Member Jerry McKenna

Members attending: Fr. Chuck Kieffer, Neil Urban, Rob Kubasko, Amy Caffarello, Chris Coury, Becky Henry, K. Lewis, Jerry McKenna, Thomas Petrola Sr., Terez Sanguine, Sandra Smith, Billie Young.

6:00 PM - Jerry and Pat McKenna welcomed members and families to their home.

6:30 PM - Fr. Chuck presided over Mass.

7:10 PM - Dinner

8:10 PM - Neil Urban welcomed members
Minutes from May 11 were approved

Update on Projects: Fr. Chuck

The ambry is still in process of assembly

Electrical repairs are being dealt with

Asbestos abatement moving along in the Fr. McMahon kitchen

Mike Barta will assume the full time responsibility of music, the choirs, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and of the Word.

General Update

Comments on God and Coffee were positive. The request for additional emphasis on 6:30am Mass was noted. A parish member who expressed devotion and concern was appreciative of the emphasis in the bulletin and on the web site. Compliments to Fr. Chuck and to Rob for the Web Site development on this issue. Fr. Chuck is hoping that the conference room meeting site might work for future dates.

Council member noted that a family transferring to St. Theresa School commented on the personalized and warm welcome by the principal, faculty and staff they met. They expressed delight that the student was spoken with, not just the adults. They were impressed by the attention and look forward to joining the parish ministries as well. Fr. Chuck will take note of the compliment and forward it appropriately.

The School Tax Credit was discussed and the council favored early discussion via the bulletin and WebSite early in the fall. The feeling is parishioners would benefit with an early reminder for planning and seeking information rather than rushing at the end of the year.

8:35 PM - Old Business

Web site update: Rob continues to work on fine tuning the site. There is a great increase in 'hits' over the past month. Changes and input is made weekly.

8:45 PM - New Business

Neil welcomed the new members and distributed the Spirituality handout for personal reflection.

Neil thanked retiring members for attention and commitment to the council. Fr. Chuck joined in expressing his gratitude for support.

The role of the Council was discussed and defined as support to the pastor in matters affecting the spirituality of the parish community. Council members expressed concern that often suggestions tend to turn into a 'to-do' list; that members would like to help. Fr. noted that many suggestions involve other Parish committees. Council members noted that Fr. Chuck's ability to respond to suggestions, asking for input and perhaps 'operative' data lessens the burden on him personally.

2005-2006 Appointments:

Neil Urban - President

Jerry McKenna - Vice President

Rob Kubasko - Secretary and Communications

Amy Caffarello and Rob Kubasko will serve an additional term to 2008.

Neil suggested a retreat in August or September: dates to be decided. Council supported the concept.

Little Blue Books (advent) will be ordered. Distribution will be in the Church after mass. No mailings will be done.

Additional:

Neil presented a commemorative album to Fr. Chuck for his 25th anniversary in the priesthood. Fr. Chuck was very grateful for the thought and effort.

Rob will work on dates for the 2005-2006 council meetings. A suggestion that the conference room be the venue (not possible as of June 10, 2005) Meetings will continue in the Convent Upper Room.

Council members expressed enthusiastic gratitude to Jerry and Pat McKenna for their hospitality.

9:15 PM - Closure: Neil Urban

Closing Prayer: Fr. Chuck

Respectfully Submitted K. Lewis, Secretary