

St. John Neumann Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

**Members Present:** Fr. Jim Loehr, Ted Kuemmel, Jay Janda, Mary Ficke, Jerry Campbell, Len Fortier, Nancy Eggener, Chris Linder, Bill Mitchell, Tom Sams

**Members Absent:** Rich Burgardt, Marna Berg, Joe Polachek, Debbie Schafer, Betty Kolba

**Assemble in God's Name:** We reread the gospel of Pentecost Sunday and were bolstered by God's sending of the Advocate into our lives. We then read the Parish Mission Statement.

**Celebrate Our Past:** Approval of April minutes was moved by Jay Janda and seconded by Jerry Campbell after correction of Len Fortier's name. Mary Ficke followed with humorous excuses and an apology for the typing error, as her secretarial duties draw to a close. Meeting agenda approval followed, after which visitors to the Council, Ken Mayo and Mary Coffin, were introduced and welcomed.

**Information and Reports:** Father Jim spoke of SJN's new pastor, Fr. John Schreiter, in glowing terms with two years at the helm expected, even as Fr. Jim's own retirement approaches. During his career Fr. John has assisted previous parishes in their consolidation and clustering, thus making his time with us invaluable. Father John will have Mondays off.

Fr. Jim provided Council with report of Renovation Committee that flooring, painting, and HVAC contractors continue to prepare even as parish raises funds to begin work. Faith in Our Future funds will continue for the near future.

The 2010-2011 budget was presented to Council for approval by Cheryl Marotta, SJN's business manager. After questions and discussion, the budget for next year was approved.

Standing committee reports followed. Prayer and Worship, Lifelong Faith Formation, and Human Concerns committees did not meet and had no report. Stewardship committee reported that Time and Talent request letters and sign-up forms had gone out by E-mail. Additional forms are also available in church. Administration and Finance committee liaison, Bill Mitchell, reported to Council on upcoming Boy Scout projects, the Rosary and Prayer Paths, the OCP grant for music ministry money, and general contributions to parish during FIOF campaign.

The Partners in Christ Covenant Ad Hoc Committee with Christ the Servant is organizing a picnic for the parish councils of CSL and SJN for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Fundraising Committee is busy with Festival preparations.

Preparations for our own end-of-year pot luck and picnic are underway. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. will precede last Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Spouses of Council members, new and former pastors, and new Council members are expected on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Good of the Parish:** Fr. Jim thanked all Council members for their generous years of service to SJN. He especially mentioned our co-operative spirit as an asset to him as pastor and wishes that to continue with Fr. John.

**Go in God's Name:** Fr. Jim led us in the Our Father as we prayed that four people would accept Council duties for 2010-2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ficke