

St. Charles Pastoral Council Minutes
Saint Charles Parish Center

June 21, 2011
7 p.m.

In Attendance:

Fr. Michael, Chris Bannon, Mary Beth Briggs, JoAnn Clark, Don Donovan, Michael Flanagan, Ed and Shirley Karmilovich, John McCormick, Joan Natali, Evelyn Pinili, Terry and Michael Strub, Sharon Varricchio, Margaret Ziegler, and Carol Zuccarino.

Absent:

Marge Briden, Jean Childress, Jeanette Orzo, Marion Simonsen, and Sandy Storherr.

Call to Order

- Scripture Reading by Margaret Ziegler. Discussion followed.
- Motion was made by Michael Flanagan and Chris Bannon to accept the minutes of the last meeting; motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that a copy of each month's accepted minutes would be forwarded to Irene Henderson for inclusion in the church bulletin. Joan Natali said that she will contact Ron Wrucke and ask that a copy also be included on the website.

Committee Reports

- *Administration*
 - Joe Witek had contacted Joan to report that there is an issue with one of the new air conditioners in the church, which probably will only require a minor adjustment. Ed Karmilovich added that the installer stressed that we not touch the thermostat and said that the system will shut down before it does damage to the unit if there is a problem. Turning off the system will erase the error code.
 - When Ed did a safety and fire inspection, he found that we are short about six or seven bulbs; these should be replaced within the next few weeks.
 - Fr. Michael reported that the boiler for the church was inspected recently and everything is fine.
 - It was agreed that whenever a light or fan that is located too high needs attention, we should call someone to fix it rather than try to reach it on our own. Joan suggested that we talk to insured repairmen to see if they would be available to handle this type of routine repairs.
 - Joan said that she hoped to have a list of volunteers who would help the Administration Committee when necessary and added that she will ask parishioners and the Knights to volunteer to be "on call."
- *Religious Education.*
 - Joan announced that Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.

- *Ecumenical*
 - Mary Beth Briggs said that she has contacted Dr. Dominick Hankle, the new Diocesan head for Ecumenical Relationships.
- *Fund Raising*
 - Michael Flanagan distributed copies of the Memorial Columbarium pamphlet and said that he will have 100 copies printed and placed at the back of the church. The cost for printing is \$1.10 per copy due to the color photograph.
 - Michael reported that this committee is working on t-shirts and hopes that the design will be done this week.
 - Afghan sales continue.
- *Justice and Peace*
 - Terry and Michael Strub reported their success in getting 200 Spanish Bibles for \$891 as well as some other Spanish prayer materials. They expect that this will be enough for a few years.
 - The first migrant camp visit will take place on June 22. Due to the participation of Fr. Michael, we can go to the camps by ourselves rather than joining Mt. Carmel. Father added that our parishioners have been very generous in donating clothing for the workers.
 - Chris Bannon said that Hector Amortegui will be assisting with Mass and is proving to be a great asset for our church community.
- *Parish Life*
 - JoAnn Clark described the successful Father's Day Brunch held last Sunday. There was a good turnout and an incredible array of delicious foods.
- *Worship*
 - In September, we will begin using the new Missal, which includes changes in the responses to the priest at Mass.

New Business

- *Changes to Calendar*
 - Crab feast—Joan and Chris have made inquiries concerning the feasibility of having a crab feast. It was agreed to sell a limited number of tickets but other plans are tentative at this time. Motion to move the date from August to September was made by Michael Flanagan and Chris Bannon and was passed unanimously. **It was noted at the July 19 meeting that October was also being considered for this activity, which was not reflected in these minutes.*
 - Italian Dinner—The date for the spaghetti dinner has been moved from July 24 to July 31.
- *Parish Election Review Committee*
 - John McCormick said he had no report from this committee at this time but will continue working.
- *Parish Hall Rental Committee*

Approved July 19, 2011

- Marta Rose has sent in all the documents that were previously submitted and said that she was available for more explanation if necessary. The cost structure is somewhat flexible and takes into account the number of people attending the event, the length of the activity, etc. Joan said she will find out the average monthly power bill for the church hall. Committee members are Joan, Michael, and Mary Beth; Chris volunteered to also serve.

Open Forum/Walk-Ins

- Joan asked if everyone is receiving her email notices. Chris will see that Marion gets a copy of these messages.
- Terry suggested including a section about the activities of the Justice and Peace Committee in the weekly bulletin. Michael said that fundraising news could be included as well.
- Carol Zuccarino presented the idea of holding workshops for couples and for adult religious education. She has contacts with experience in conducting these types of programs. Joan said that we would need a synopsis of what they do and then pass it along to the Diocese. Carol will bring more information for discussion.
- Cape Charles will start its 125th birthday celebration on August 6. Chris asked if we want to included in the parade that will be part of the festivities.
- Sharon Varricchio said that she liked the idea of adult religious education as suggested by Jean Childress at the last meeting and would like to pursue it. We could have classes for the parents at the same time as the children's lessons. Mary Beth added that we could offer this to other adults in the parish, too.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be July 19, 2011, at 7:00 pm.

Scripture Reader – Shirley Karmilovich

Pastor's Time

Respectfully submitted

JoAnn Clark