

**OLN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING – 06/14/10**

Members in Attendance: Patsy Ford, Joe Rosenberg, Patti Peters, Matt Schallon, Tony Lefkowicz, Veronica Wright, Fr. Joe Lehman

Members Absent: Theresa Mercier, Melina Mercier, Diane Shelton, Betsy Baker, Sandy O’Shaughnessy, Pat Marlowe and Clauden Shelton

Guests: Seminarian – Matt Kiehl

A. Prayer and Question of the Week

B. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting (May 24, 2010) required correction in terms of typographical errors and names being misspelled. Fr. Joe indicated he did not get the final copy of the corrected minutes. Patti stated that she posted the corrected/approved minutes only to see that some corrections had not been made, so she will go through them again (as Diane is out of town) and correct, sending a corrected copy to Fr. Joe and posting them on the kiosk. Joe will post the corrected minutes on the website once they are sent to him.

C. Parish Survey

Joe Rosenberg addressed the overview of the We Walk By Faith report being prepared for the Bishop, which includes a summation of strengths, needs and comments contained in the parish survey. A subcommittee is meeting to organize the material into the report format using responses by parish council to the questions, review of information by the subcommittee as well as material from the parish survey. This overview will be presented to the parish and finance councils at the July 12th council meeting. Revisions, corrections, etc. will then be incorporated into a power point presentation to be given to the parish at the next town hall meeting in order to solicit their input for the final report due to the Bishop in October.

D. Various Announcements

- 1. Meet the Seminarian** – Matt spoke at all the Masses last weekend. He just completed his first year (emphasis – philosophy) He will be here until early August. Two other seminarians are in the Valley this year – Danny at St. Andrew and transitional deacon, Eric Ayers at OLPH. Matt said he enjoyed them being here with him. Every Tuesday evening available priests in the Valley eat dinner together at the OLN rectory. The first Tuesday the seminarians were here there were eight of them around the dining room table. Matt was asked how many more years he was in school and he said 4 more years of instruction, 14 months in a pastoral year (in a parish) and then two more years of school before ordination.
- 2. Newcomer Registration for 11:30 Liturgy** – Fr. Joe indicated there was no parish council member available for registering newcomers at 11:30 Mass this past weekend. Betsy usually does this liturgy alone and other parish council members have considered coming back to help her. This month when Rita e-mailed the council about availability Tony and Patti hit “reply all” to say we would be at 7:30 and 9:30 and Patsy replied to Rita only to say she’d be at 5:30. Usually Rita will ask when she perceives a Mass is lacking a council member. Betsy was out of town Sunday. As it turned out Matt and Joe R. worked the table at 9:30 while Tony staffed another table in the Fellowship Hall. In the future, we are to hit “reply all” so we can all see if a certain Liturgy lacks coverage. Fr. Joe said former parish council members will assist as well if needed.

E. Summertime Offerings

A list of summer opportunities to grow in faith and understanding were presented and reviewed briefly. It will be sent out by mail to the parish in the coming week. 5 suggestions for activities came from our kids.

F. Liaison Reports

Roanoke Catholic - Fr. Joe reported three new administrators at Roanoke Catholic – a complete overhaul of the school. We discussed the moral connection we as a parish have with Roanoke Catholic. Currently we have approximately 68 children at RC. Shirley Lendway is the liaison for OLN and RC however she no longer has children at the school and may be interested in someone else serving in this capacity. Mary Beth Ruffing has a child in the school and might be interested in serving in this capacity. Shirley will be contacted to determine her status and then we will proceed accordingly.

Finance – Patsy stated finance council would be meeting tomorrow (June 15th). Although the budget has been approved by the finance council it was determined that the parish council must approve as well. It will be presented at the July pastoral council meeting along with WWBF. The investment committee continues.

Stewardship – timing for initiating efforts for a stewardship committee was discussed and it was determined that we will begin forming the group now.

Pastoral Care – a prayer service twice monthly (2nd and 4th Mondays) has been started at Brandon Oaks retirement community. There is an initiative to develop a bereavement group at OLN that has no connections to any other group in the Valley. A one day retreat is being scheduled in September for the pastoral care group.

Fellowship – there is a luau in two weeks at the pool; parish picnic in September

G. What are you seeing/hearing or not seeing/hearing? (concerns, problems, suggestions)

Continued praise for Young Life Capernaum. Matt and Joe R. were asked by newcomers as to how young parents are able to meet other young parents. Various groups and events in the parish conducive to meeting others in the same age bracket were discussed including fellowship committee, formation programs for initial sacraments, parish picnic, softball, swim team, etc. In the past there have been mothers' morning out groups, twin groups, etc. here however any such group needs someone or a group of people passionate about it willing to spearhead it. Young adult groups were discussed but again require someone of that age group willing to work with others in the Valley parishes to get it organized. We can help with resources, space, but they need to initiate it.

The upcoming Town Hall Meeting and We Walk By Faith will be in the fall sometime, probably September. A second newcomer reception for those joining OLN January-August is tentatively set for September 12th as Fr. Joe is not around on the 19th and the picnic is the next weekend.

Follow-up on questions and answers from the parish – it was suggested that the parish council make a list of all the initiatives agreed upon contained in the answers to parishioner questions. This would insure that things approved such as benches in the breezeway are purchased and placed and conversations on such things as the overhang suggestion for the front of the church and brainstorming with our cluster parishes on increased Christian Formation offerings in terms of class day and times take place. Fr. Joe reminded the council that we are only to solicit the questions and have them answered by the appropriate staff person. It is the individual staff person's responsibility to do what is needed and/or contact the individual person asking the question.

H. Next Meeting – July 12, 2010

Question of the Week – Veronica Wright

Minutes – Patti Peters

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Peters
06/20/10

Approved by Council – 06/28/10