

Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish
Parish Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 10, 2011, 2011 / 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Opening prayer

Present: Grace Shannon, John, Chris, Michael King, Michael Dalton, Fr. Campbell, Rosemary, Brian, Joe

Guests: Peg McGowan, Parish Financial officer & book keeper & David O'Neill, chair of the finance committee

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Peg McGowan and David O'Neill gave the Council an update on the Parish's budget and finances. Overview attached.

Discussion: How can we work to increase the Sunday collections?

- Fr. Campbell – A student is making a pulpit appeal in November.
- Michael Dalton suggested having other lay members of the parish involved in making pulpit appeals
- Rosemary suggested putting a new figure in the bulletin – the cost per day of running the parish, or the cost per family or per parishioner.
- Fr. Campbell – On Sundays, the building is open 9 AM – 11:30 PM; during the week, it's open 9 AM – 9:30 PM. Saturdays, the building's open 9 AM – 5 PM. Whenever the building's open, there has to be at least one staff person.

Old Business

Discuss Parish Council Page on web page

- There's a mismatch between the information in the top menu and in the side bar menu.
- Right now, every group is responsible for editing their own page.
 - Remind groups to maintain the same format: Who We Are, What We Do, When Do We Meet?
- Could Anna work more hours to edit the pages to bring them some more uniformity?
- What do we want for the Parish Council Page:
 - Pictures & Information
 - Minutes and Agendas
 - Anna needs to create a folder for us to publish the information on the web page
- David suggested that we include information about stewardship and development

Pastor's Updates

- The new liturgy is coming. Staff will be giving presentation over four weeks.
- Michael King: How are other places dealing with this?
 - Fr. Campbell: There's a meeting with the bishop with the other pastors next week. I don't know what other parishes are doing.

“Big Picture:” Building Newman Together – 5 year plan

- Representatives from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) met with Fr. Campbell last week. They offered to fund 2(?) people to come in and help with evangelization

Parent & Alumni Newsletter

- Anna and Olga Stone met.
- It might cost \$1800 to publish it.
- We hope to raise enough money to cover the printing at least.

Bulletin

- Fr. Campbell, JC, and Michael Dalton will meet to redesign the bulletin.
- Fr. Campbell has someone to help with the design

Fund-raising results

- Alumni Dinner had 9 people
- \$30,000 Matching Gift