

Parish Council minutes – August 26, 2011

Present: Joe Burns, Michael Dalton, JC Orton, Chris, Brian, Michael King, Fr. Campbell, Fr. Bill, Grace Shannon, Joan Allekotte, and Rosemary Loughman

New Business:

- Grace Shannon will take notes this year.
 - She will create a Google Doc to share the minutes.
 - Please review by the deadline.
 - Grace will either send the minutes to John, the webmistress Ana, or she will get training on updating the minutes herself.
 - We signed up to host opening prayers. See attached schedule
- The new website is up, but it's still under construction. Calnewman.org
- Our meetings will be from 7:30-9:00 the second Monday of each month

Student updates:

- Welcome week:
 - Orientation on Monday, August 29. The event starts at 6:00. Tabling starts at 7:15. Please bring some finger foods and arrive at 6:45 to set up a table.
 - Students will spend 5 minutes or so
 - Kayaking
- Fundraising phone-a-thon to alumni, students, and parents
- In November, there will be a night covering the new changes to the liturgy.

Fr. Campbell:

- We should consider inviting representatives of Newman groups and staff come in to give us updates of what's going on.
 - Peg McGowan for financial reports.
 - Colleen for liturgical ministries
 - Frances for Faith Formation
 - Fr. Al about RCIA and baptisms
- Michael suggested that we develop a systemized way of inviting representatives of each group at our next meeting.
- Fr. Campbell: At our next meeting, we should be ready to share what kind of Newman community we want.

Introductions:

- Joe – interested in Social Justice and involved in Social Justice
- Michael Dalton – particularly interested in Faith Formation for children and adults. Would love to see us do a better job of it all.

- JC Orton – main interest is working with the homeless. As part of the parish council, aside from making sure that Newman was attuned to the need of the needy. Would love to see Newman be a real community.
- Chris – On the student ministry team. Particularly interested in outreach and ministry to Cal students.
- Brian – On the student ministry. Here to represent the students on the parish council. Goal for the year is to help students feel ownership of the church here at Newman.
- Michael King – interested in the liturgical aspects of the Church. This year, there will likely be a lot of work to do around the new translation of the liturgy.
- Fr. Campbell – the new translation will take effect the 1st Sunday of Advent. We need to work out the best way to inform the community, and to make the transition smooth. How do we evaluate what is taking place?
 - Michael Dalton: How can the parish council help with this transition.
 - JC: Perhaps the parish council could take it upon ourselves to learn the new parts of the liturgy.
 - Michael King: It might be helpful to have some catechesis around this.
 - Brian – the Yaggies and the student ministry team has some events planned around this.
- Fr. Bill – If we stay focused on our belief in Jesus Christ, then all the other issues fades away. The work of a parish is to bring people into contact with each other so that we can share our faith.
- Grace Shannon – involved Faith Formation for preschoolers and social justice. Would like to see Newman become a more cohesive community.
- Joan – involved in JustFaith and inspired to join the parish council because of it. Would love to see our parish doing more interfaith work. Otherwise, we might miss some opportunities for social justice that arises out of connecting with a larger spiritual community, beyond our own faith community.
- Rosemary Loughman – very interested and committed to social justice, especially in global issues. Also interested in hospitality. It's all about connections.

Upcoming events:

- Student welcome orientation on
- Rebuilding Newman fundraising meeting
 - Has run into a problem with the Diocese, which is running a big capital campaign that might preclude any other fundraising by the parish.
 - David suggested that we still have a link for stewardship on the website. Fr. Campbell will check in to see what the exact limitations will be on our fundraising.