

Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish
Parish Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, December 12, 2011, 2011 / 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Opening prayer:

Present: Joan Allekotte, Joe Burns, Fr. Campbell, Brian Carlton, John Cipriano, Michael Dalton, Michael King, Rosemary Loughman, J.C. Orton, Grace Shannon, Chris Varela.

Approval of minutes of last meeting.

Old business:

- Bulletin design:
- We've been stalled on the project, because John has left, and the person who was working on the re-design has been doing John's job.
- The hope is that we'll be able to finish the re-design in January.
- The Christmas and New Year's bulletins are almost done. They will have about 11 quotes about Christmas from parishioners.
- Website update: The new webmaster, Anna's replacement, has quit. We'll need to find a replacement.
- Appeal letter:
 - It's done, and it looks really good.
 - We'll be getting some addresses from the University.
 - Alum from Chin Jun Am has offered to help with future appeals.

New business:

- Minutes will be posted after they've been approved by the council.
 - Grace sends the minutes out right after the meeting. Please review, and send in your changes and suggestions before the next meeting.
- Parish Connections:
- Suggestion from Amy LaGoy to have council members contact all ministries-groups monthly, fostering up-to-date communication.
 - How should we go about dividing up the ministries?
 - Father Campbell suggested that we focus on young adults and young couples. Invite them to come to a parish council meeting to find out what they want/need in terms of support from the parish.
Let's invite them to the February meeting.
- Concerns were expressed that inviting only certain groups to a council meeting would not keep pastor-council up-to-date on all parish happenings, and would take up too much council time.
- Michael King's report on the exorcism lecture by Father Ombrega:
 - Very well-attended.
 - The lecturer was of the opinion that religious objects from other religions had no place in a Catholic home.
 - Several people objected to the idea and felt that this was a very prejudiced.

- The talk was mostly about his training and experience.
- John Cipriano suggested that we have a set of guidelines for speakers.
- JC Orton: It's important that we have a whole range of challenging speakers, but that there's no room for intolerance.
- Was anyone in contact with him to let him know that we found parts of his talk offensive?
 - Chris offered to talk to the speaker since Chris had been the main point of contact with the speaker.
- Question: How do we foster dialogue between students and other parishioners?
- How do we model engaging with speakers/authority figures – even when we disagree with them?
- Brian: In the future, the student ministry team will take responsibility to speak up if their guest crosses a line.
- Restorative Justice panel:
 - Tentatively scheduled in late February/during Lent.
 - Hosted by JustFaith
 - Restorative justice: heals the relationship between those who commit crimes and those who are affected by the crime.
 - Michael Dalton has a contact at SEEDS, an organization that focuses on restorative justice. He'll pass it onto Joe.

Student Updates

- The winning essays are posted in the display case at the church. They're also located on the website.
- Study hall for the rest of the week. Finals end on Friday

Pastor's Updates

- The Newman Alumni group met last week. There were about 45 people gathered.
- We have 3 resumes in for John's position. We're interviewing one person
- Busy person's retreat 62-65 slots
 - Students get a first shot at signing up. It will be opened up to the rest of the parish on January 8.
- Possible speakers/lecturers:
 - Luke Timothy Johnston: Fr. Campbell has contacted the folks at Commonweal, but hasn't heard back yet.
 - Healthcare and your future
 - Cross-cultural Christianity
 - Economic series (Robert Reich) – what is economy for?
 - There are at least 2 members of the parish who are economics professors at the University.
- The new carpets are in. The sofas will be reupholstered tomorrow (December 13).
- Send your recommendations for DVD's to Fr. Campbell.
- Next meeting: Monday, January 16.
- Adjourned at 9:05 pm.