

Saint John the Evangelist  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2006

Present

Father Tom

Patrick McGreavey

Ed McCourt

Jane McDaid

Sally Miller

Sister Evelyn

Kathi Aldridge

Joe Tierney

Steve Brown

David Flanagan

John Calcio

Steve Ulian

Peg Creonte

Rick Kinney

Ann O'Hearn

I Opening Reflection and Prayer

II Introduction of New Members

Jane McDaid, Patrick McGreavey, Sally Miller, and Joe Tierney were welcomed as new members of the PPC.

III Old Business

October minutes were accepted as corrected.

IV Review of Guidelines of the Parish Pastoral Council

Father Tom reviewed the mandate from the archdiocese. About fifteen years ago the synod drew up guidelines for parish councils. The election process at Saint John's is inclusive with nominations received from individuals. Members are then chosen by lot, a parallel to biblical methods of choosing. The PPC was informed that the parish council establishes priorities and the financial council determines whether the priorities are affordable. The parish self-assessment of 2003 set general goals for which to strive.

V Goals for the Parish Council for the Upcoming Year

John Calcio, as a member of the Communications Sub Committee, reported regarding the new format of the bulletin and new software, Parishsoft. He also commented on the need for a parish census.

Sister Evelyn discussed the many opportunities for spiritual education. As many parishioners are pressed with time constraints, there is a need for communication to inform people of what is available. It was stated and echoed by many that Father Hehir is a gift to Saint John and enhances the spiritual education programs.

With regard to social activities it was noted that thanks to Steve Ulian and his assistants the Parish Picnic was a great success. It will now become an annual event. Sister Evelyn urged that we become creative in finding more ways to bring people together.

Integral to how we exist as a parish is service. Sister Evelyn said there has been more progress in this aspect of parish life.

The need for the recruitment and training of lay leadership within the parish was discussed. It was felt that along with their talents people from within the parish bring a

sensitivity and knowledge of the parish. It was further noted that the we should think of the future and identify lay people to train and assume ministerial roles.

A member suggested that PPC meetings include discussion of current topics in the Church, such as pronouncements of the U.S. Council of Bishops. Father Tom agreed that it is his role to listen to the concerns of all and have a conversation. He added that it is the role of the PPC to bring any concerns of the parish community.

It was reported that there is a need for a coordinator of the family Mass. This could be a part time, paid position. Such a coordinator would establish a needed structure.

#### VI Use of Parish Hall

The present policy is being reviewed with the intent to provide a written policy regarding application for use of the hall. When completed the written policy will be posted on the parish website.

#### VII Informational Update

Youth Ministry members, Caroline Haughey and Shane Ecclesine, Have been appointed to the PPC.

John Calcio will contact the chairs of PFC, School Advisory, Service Commission, and a parish member of the Archdiocese Advisory Council to request attending a PPC meeting.

It was suggested that the election of PPC officers be held in May not November.

#### VII Election of Officers

Chair John Calcio

Vice Chair

Secretary Ann O'Hearn

Next Meeting December 19, 2006