

St. Joseph Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2008

The Parish Council of St. Joseph Church, Shelbyville, Indiana, met on March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office. Members present were Jen Deiser, Tom Gruesser, Rosemary Dean, Lisa Lewis, Judy Boring, Noell Krughoff, and Angela Gill.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

The February 19, 2008 minutes were tabled. The agenda was accepted.

Parish Council tabled discussing the Hispanic Ministry since Father Chris was not present.

Council reviewed the Parish Summit. All agreed that for the most part, parishioners who were at the summit and who responded to the survey seemed to be in general agreement to the Parish Council Liaison Chart presented at the summit. It was noted that there were several trends apparent. Based on these trends, the following revisions to the liaison chart will be implemented:

- The adult organizations commission will be eliminated and St. Anne's Altar Society will be moved to the Spiritual Life Commission. There was some discussion whether or not it would be helpful to have a calendar of the other adult organizations' activities just to avoid conflicting events, i.e., holding very similar events on the same week-end, etc. It was noted that the organizations closely related to the parish should and probably do call Leigh Ann to see if there are similar events going on in the parish when they are planning something.
- The Finance committee will be removed from the administration commission, and the finance committee will be in direct contact with parish council on a regular basis. Tom will start attending the finance committee meetings. Discussion occurred about changing the Parish Council constitution so that ten members would be on the parish council and that one would always be a finance committee member. The option of keeping the number of the council at nine with two appointed by the pastor and one of those appointed being a finance committee member was also discussed. Council agreed to defer to Father Chris in this matter.
- There was discussion about moving the Hispanic Ministry from the spiritual life commission and asking a member of the Hispanic Ministry to liaise directly with parish council. All agreed that more discussion with Father present was needed.

- All agreed that the liaison list should be published in the “blue book” when it’s next published, which was determined to probably be at the start of the next fiscal year.
- The title of Commission for each group (spiritual life commission, faith formation commission, etc.) will be changed to Ministry in order to avoid confusion with the meaning of the term “commission” according to the arch diocese.

Jen and Tom reported that discussions with St. Vincent’s regarding tuition to the school for St. Vincent’s parishioners would be delayed until next year.

Noell reported that she has met with the music ministry, but mostly they talked about the Easter mass since it was the most pressing matter. They will meet again with the next liturgy committee meeting.

The Virtus program was discussed. There was some discussion whether or not everyone who should have the training has had it and whether or not the requirement for having the training is being enforced. Jen will inquire with Leigh Ann about who is in charge of the Virtus program at St. Joseph’s.

Elections were discussed. According to the constitution, two members whose terms are expiring and two second year members will form the nominating committee. The nominating committee is responsible for conducting the elections and will do so according to the constitution. Those on this year’s nomination committee will be Lisa Lewis, Carla Antle, and Judy Boring. Only two members terms are expiring (Lisa and Judy) and only one member is a second year member (Carla), but council felt that this group could certainly handle the elections. The process is expected to be with an announcement in the 4/19-4/20 bulletin.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela K. Gill
Secretary