

Our Lady on the River Parish – Parish Council Minutes – June 14, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Father Jim Lopez	David Schweihofer (Pres.)	Mary Patrick (V-Pres)
Sister Mary Ann Ankoviak, CSJ		Stephanie Spencer
Barbara Persyn		Charles Ongena

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Catherine Nutter Bev Simon

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Endres Judy Beauvais
Bobbi Ivan

Opening: Father Jim opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: Motion was made by David to accept the minutes with no corrections, seconded by Stephanie, and all assented.

VICARIATE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: Bobbi reported the Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council met on May 13, 2010. Highlights of the meeting included:

- The new APC representative for our vicariate is Jeanie Robinson, a parishioner from St. Mary, St. Clair.
- Deacon Bill Kolarik is the new AOD Facilitator, replacing Lory McGlennen.
- Father Joe Horn expressed concern regarding vicariate school (parent) volunteer requirements when it directly affects volunteer availability in the home parish. Rachel Becker will take this concern to area principals for further discussion.
- Eric Coules, Young Adult/Campus Minister, proposed that the vicariate fund the purchase of parish bulletin boards designated strictly for young adult ministry. The use of bulletin boards has proven to be an effective communication tool in other metro area

parishes, and it would be part of Eric's responsibility to keep each parish supplied with updated materials.

- The VPC agreed to fund the cost of the bulletin boards using budgeted funds. Parishes can request a bulletin board for each parish site. (**Note: OLR has requested one bulletin board for use at the St. Catherine site.**)
- Eric also informed the VPC that Father Art Baronowski agreed that St. Christopher can serve as a host location for any vicariate "Theology on Tap" activities.
- Father Joe Horn reported that the Archbishop has proposed an Archdiocesan capital campaign to begin later this year. The finances of the AOD reflects the current economic environment, and after consulting with finance staff, it became apparent that a new fundraising effort would result in the AOD needing to borrow less from a third party to cover existing debts.
- Due to a surplus, the vicariate budget for 2009-2010 will be covered by existing funds. The budget for 2010-2011 still needs to be presented for discussion.
- Once approved the complete minutes will be available on the Vicariate website, <http://www.bluewatervicariate.org/>

The Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council met June 9, 2010. Highlights of the meeting included:

- ❖ Jeanie Robinson, the new APC representative, introduced herself to the council.
- ❖ Regarding the school volunteer hours issue, Rachel Becker announced that area principals are currently discussing solution on volunteer requirements and parish volunteer participation.
- ❖ Deacon Bill Kolarik mentioned that the AOD is actively revising handbooks and guidelines based on the new organizational structure. These materials will start to be available this fall.
- ❖ Father Joe Horn reported that there is no additional information on plans for the AOD capital campaign, other than the proposed fundraising should result in 80% of funds raised going towards the

parish (20% to the AOD). It has been suggested that it would be beneficial for the Archbishop to personally meet with the vicariates to explain the rationale for the campaign.

- ❖ Parishes are being asked for new ad ideas for *The Drift*. The cost of a monthly ad is \$250/year. One suggestion to consider: Advertising parish cemeteries. Please forward any ideas to Amy O’Gara.
- ❖ Once approved the complete minutes will be available on the Vicariate website, <http://www.bluewatervicariate.org/>
- ❖ The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2010. Meetings are normally held the second Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Family Site.

Bobbi’s term is ending and she suggested that either a parish council member or a stewardship commission person take her place.

Parishioner’s Concerns: None.

Pastor’s Report:

- Missionary priest will be visiting in July. Details will be put in the bulletin.
- The St. Mark church has been thoroughly cleaned.
- Bids are still being collected for Holy Cross sound system.

Commission Report:

- A. Stewardship: no report.
- B. Christian Service: Meeting was cancelled, the next meeting will be held in September. Mary Endres mentioned that Mr. Roland Woelkers is now a member of the Prison Ministry.
- C. Worship: Five graduates (two college and three high school) attended the graduation Mass at St. Catherine, and nine graduates (eight high school and one PhD) attended the graduation Mass at Holy Cross.

Old Business: Discussed idea of Thanksgiving dinner - matter has been put on hold for the time being.

New Business: Father Matt Ellis going away dinner is June 26th. RSVP's are in the bulletin.

Parish Picnic will be either September 12th or 19th.

Member Reports: None.

Closing Prayer: Mary Endres read a passage from the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Patrick

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Secretary pro tem

Next Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2010, 6:30,
in the chapel at St. Catherine site.