

Saint Cecilia Church
Parish Executive Council Meeting Minutes
09-02-09

Purpose of Meeting: Review of Parish Executive Council (PEC) Constitution as well as the planning for upcoming events such as September Parish Town Hall Meeting.

In Attendance: Our new pastor Fr. Leo Connolly, Jim Martin, Michelle Spohn, Beverly Oddi, Teresa Noonan, Mark O’Loughlin, and Bob Davis.

Welcome: Fr. Leo lead us in opening prayer..

New Business:

The Constitution

- Jim informed us that the proposed constitution was presented to Fr. Connolly for his review and revision.
- The formerly proposed “Governance Council” name is being changed to Parish Executive Council (PEC). This is to avoid any appearance of similarity to how some protestant churches organize their church hierarchy.
- The only other addition to the proposed constitution and organizational model was the addition of Youth Representatives to the Parish Executive Council.
- Constitution and model may be ratified at the October 7th PEC meeting.
- The PEC communication plan is to be launched Thursday September 24th at the Parish Town Hall meeting.
- Jim Martin will serve as Director this year.
- Bob Davis will serve as Secretary this year.

Elected Positions on Executive Council

- Fr. Connolly brought up whether or not the elections are needed in their current form.
 - He suggested that maybe people could nominate themselves or be nominated by someone, and if truly interested, that they could attend a Council meeting to see what goes on. And if still interested, they could be interviewed by pastor and council before being approved.
 - While elections are desirable, historically it has been difficult to get people interested enough to run.
 - The plan has been to carryover some of the existing council members past their elected three year terms into the 2010 fiscal year. We would then replace them as elections come up. Elections will rotate so that there will always be a member with a year or two of experience on council to help the newly elected ones along.
 - Final decisions on elected positions will be discussed at length in future PEC meetings and the constitution amended as needed.

Parish Town Hall Meeting

- Topics to be presented at Town Hall meeting may include:
 - Introduction of Fr. Leo Connolly.
 - Finance
 - TRIP
 - PSR/School/Pre-school
 - St. Vincent DePaul/Food Pantry needs (Fr. Leo To cover in his comments)
 - A parish group or ministry highlight - RCIA.
- Mark O’Loughlin to MC Town Hall Meeting
- Theresa Noonan to organize refreshments (planning for about 50 people)
- Jim Martin will take notes at the meeting to be posted on the website.

Other Business:

- A policy of concern for Fr. Leo is the question of whether or not to exclude employees or their family members from boards that oversee, in whole or in part, the funding or functions of that entity of

employment, as this could present a conflict of interests (Such as PEC and School Board).

- Bob suggested that if it was decided to allow employees or their family members to be on Boards in which by doing so presents that potential for conflict of interests that it should be understood that that person should abstain or recuse themselves from voting on issues that could directly affect them.
- This is not currently addressed in the constitution. We will discuss this further in future PEC meetings and amend the constitution if necessary.

Upcoming Events to plan for:

- Advent Giving Tree (being organized by Mr. and Mrs. Case)
- Lenten Service Projects - need ideas.

Next meeting Wednesday October 7th at 7:00 pm in meeting Rooms A&B: possibly ratifying PEC Constitution. Other agenda items to come.

Adjourn: Jim moved to adjourn and all concurred.