

Saint Cecilia Church
Parish Executive Council At-Large Quarterly Meeting Minutes
10-07-09

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

In Attendance: Fr. Leo Connolly, Jim Martin - PEC Director, Scott Campbell - Finance Committee, Mark O'Loughlin, June Bergman - Garden Club, Mary Beth Aeh - Preschool, Mike Agriesti - OFC, Marge Moretti - School Principal, Ashley Parise - Youth Representative, Scott A. Williams, - School Board President, Allison French - Youth Representative, Kelly Morgan - Finance Committee, Barb Johnson, Teresa Noonan, and Bob Davis – PEC Secretary.

Absent/Excused: Beverly Oddi, Kathy Maggied, and Michelle Spohn.

Welcome: Fr. lead us in opening prayer.

Introductions: As this was the first real meeting for the PEC At-Large we all gave our names and associated positions or groups. Jim will develop a new distribution list and send out to the group.

Old Business:

Town Hall Meeting:

- Jim thanked all those present who participated and/or attended the Town Hall Meeting held September 24th. Thanks to Mark O'Loughlin for emceeding the meeting. The minutes that Jim took at the Town Hall meeting as well as the new PEC Constitution will be posted to the parish website.

New Business:

The Constitution

- Jim presented the final draft to the Council for final inspection and revision. Jim asked if there were any suggestions, questions or concerns about its content and or language.
- Fr. Leo questioned a possible redundancy of education representatives on the PEC or at least in the communication flowchart. Jim agreed and will make the change to avoid the redundancy and avoid any confusion.
- Also, Fr. Leo conveyed an announcement that came down from the Church hierarchy regarding the St. Vincent De Paul Society. SVDP is its own entity moving forward and therefore does not answer to the Parish but rather the local and national chapters. SVDP is a separate financial entity. While it may use the Parish facilities and relies on donations from the parishioners and the parish as whole, it must be its own entity when it comes to finances and operations. This has to do with its charitable tax exempt status.
- Jim asked for a motion to pass the constitution with Fr. Leo's recommended changes. Scott seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Next Town Hall Meeting:

- Planning for next Town Hall Meeting in Spring. We plan to have these twice a year.
- Question of whether we should have in the evening during the week or if we should have on a Sunday after the noon mass.
- Driving in the dark could be a concern for some if held in evening.
- Jim will work with Jackie from the parish office on setting a date for the Town Hall meeting.
- Jim asked for volunteers to chair meeting. This would entail making sure we have organized volunteers to help with babysitting as well as volunteers to setup refreshments. Chair would also need to line up speakers and set agenda. Barb Johnson agreed to help coordinate but did not want to be Master of Ceremonies.
- Need to start thinking about what group to highlight during the next Town Hall.

Chairs for the Social and Service Committees

- Jim asked for 2 volunteers to be chairs for the each of the committees.
- The responsibilities for the chairs would be to act as a liaison between the PEC and those groups or individuals who do the various service or social activities. Also, the chairs may need to reach out to fellow parishioners to volunteer to make certain activities such as the Parish Picnic, Ice Cream Social, Easter Vigil Reception. Service activities include but are not limited to the Advent Giving Tree and Lenten Service projects.
- What is not desired is that the chairs and/or the PEC become solely responsible for making sure the different social and service activities happen. This had been what has happened in the past.
- Scott suggested dividing the social events up so that no one person on PEC would be responsible for every event.
- Barb suggested that everyone on PEC try to reach out to grab people to join committee.
- Social Committee Chair would also act as a liaison to the Athletic Association (but not oversee it).
- PEC could divide up lists of parishioners to reach out to, to try to get volunteers.
- Students and their families looking for service hours could volunteer.
- Fr. Leo may make comments in his Pastor's corner about the need for volunteerism in general and perhaps specifically.
- We can also ask for volunteers in the bulletin and News from the Pews.
- Mark O'Loughlin agreed to chair the Service subcommittee. We still need a chair (or chairs) for the Social subcommittee.

BINGO

- Beverly Oddi asked that we talk about having teenagers volunteer to babysit for Bingo volunteers with kids.
- Bingo is Sunday nights and Tuesday nights. Teenage volunteers would be more easily obtained for Sunday nights during the school year.
- Baby sitting would have to be done in Parish Halls or school classrooms.
- An adult supervisor would be required at all times. Adult supervisor would have to have been through the "Protecting God's Children" class - as would anyone 18 or older.
- This would be another opportunity for students to earn service hours.
- Would need to see what interest is first . Who would work Bingo if child care was provided and how many teenage and adult volunteers for babysitting would there be. Committee asked that Bev investigate this to determine if we should move forward.

Time and Talent Surveys

- Time and talent surveys are normally sent out towards the end of October or in early November.
- Fr. Leo, since he is still getting used to this Parish, had not heard about this but would ask the parish office workers about it.
- Different volunteer opportunities mentioned above, including Bingo and babysitting, may be added to this survey.

Future Meetings

- Wednesday, November 4th, at 7pm is the next PEC Core and subcommittee meeting.
- Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7pm is the next PEC At-Large meeting.

Pastor's Comments

- A new president for the 50+ club was elected. There was a question of whether or not the 50+ Club was really a parish club or a non-denominational club. The club members do pay dues. When Fr. Leo mentioned this to the Bishop, he said that if they chose to be a non-denominational club that they would not fall under the Church's tax exempt status.
- St. Vincent De Paul Society chose for their Make A Difference Day activity to help out with the garden up keep on the church grounds. David Gahn is the new SVDPS president. Mr. Gahn had entered the church a year ago through the RCIA program.
- Priests will begin purifying all vessels after communion. Previously vessel purification had been done the Sacristan. Changes are being made to keep in line with the Instruction on the Roman Missal as well as the directives from our Bishops and out of respect and honor to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

- Diocese has not yet suspended communion from the cup due to H1N1 influenza concerns. Some diocese in some areas of the country have done so. It may become necessary in the future. Will have to wait and see.
- BRHS has one confirmed case of H1N1 influenza.

Other Comments

- June brought up the visitation ministry. The visitation ministry is intended to minister to those who are shut in by illness and/or advanced age. It was relatively active in years past with several volunteer lay ministers but has since activity has waned. June said that she felt the elderly parishioners have become neglected by this Fr. Leo said that he and Fr. Brosmer would discuss expanding this ministry.

Closing

- Jim moved to adjourn.
- Fr. Leo closed with a prayer.