

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 8, 2010

Meeting Rooms

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Breitbach, Amy DeRaad, Mary Beth Ineson, Mike Kraft, Bob Mueffelman, Alan Savage, Steve Sorsen, Tim Sullivan, Emey Vaillancourt, Fr. Dennis Zehren, Mary Zielinski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Lentz

OPEN MIC

No Open Mic this evening.

APPROVED MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written and submitted to the Council.

GUEST SPEAKER – BRIAN EVANS

Brian met with the Community Life Commission on the new ministry proposal for a Small Business Group. The group will be similar to a Chamber of Commerce meeting without the sales pitch. The members will share knowledge and information that will benefit the other members in their businesses. It is also their intent to come together and provide service to the parish, such as in the area of fund raising. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis with presentations from the members or an outsider speaker.

There will be no fee, all time will be donated. Its purpose is networking and helping each other in their business ventures. St. Stephen's has a similar program and is found very helpful. The primary focus of this new ministry will be to share ideas and help each other grow their business with the second providing knowledge to parishioners that there are businesses run by parishioners that might meet your needs. The next step will be for the Council to make a recommendation to Father Zehren.

VISIONING PROCESS UPDATE

A listing of the Parish Visioning team was put together by Mike Lentz and he is working with the parish staff to reach out to additional members. The process will include demographic analysis, a method to identify strategic and pastoral opportunities, as well as the needs of our parish and local community. The Visioning Team is to present their work to the Parish Council in the Fall of 2010.

A question surfaced as to how the members of the group were selected. An invitation was made to Council members to join this team if they were interested. The Chair of the Council will check with Mike on what other avenues are being used in selecting members. A timeline has been created beginning on Saturday June 26 and Sunday, June 27 with a bulletin announcement regarding "calling forth" (nomination) phase of this process, followed by a parish mailing. Nominations will be due on July 19. Candidates will then be contacted and discernment sessions held. Appointments will be made by the Pastor on August 23. The Chair of the Council will check to see if the present chairs need to be available at the discernment meetings to answer questions.

COMMISSION REPORTS

OPERATIONS: Mike Kraft

There was no formal meeting tonight.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Emey Vaillancourt

The Commission spent their time talking with Brian Evans on the Small Business Group. They are also following up on ministry membership and a program offering a mentor for new families. These mentors would follow a new family through one year of parish events to provide information.

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH: Steve Sorsen

There was not a quorum for the meeting tonight. Several ministries are starting and we will continue to build on them and look for more collaboration with other parishes next year

LITURGY: Amy DeRaad

They are taking the summer off.

EDUCATION: Mary Zielinski

They did not meet this evening.

STEWARDSHIP: Mary Beth Ineson

There was a discussion on the capital campaign. There are only 2 members of the Commission coming back next year, so they talked about reaching out to parishioners and bringing them into the parish leadership

FINANCE: Alan Savage

The school now has 510 students enrolled. The budget for next year is based on an enrollment of 525 students. There was also talk of an Alumni Association for the School. Discussion continued on the revitalization of the Reiser Foundation.

The Council thanked the following members for their service. Their terms of office are complete.

Alan Savage – Chair of the Finance Commission

Bob Mueffelman – Member at Large

Emey Vaillancourt – Community Life

The Council will meet next on September 14, 2010.