



Minutes

Meeting Date: August 20, 2012

Present: Fr. George Bellenoit, Fr. Jason Brilhante, Deacon Bill Gallerizzo, Joe Daly, Betty Tormey, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Steve Sozanski, Michelle Crowley, Maureen Bach, Matt MacKechnie, Rosemary Akin, and George Perkins.

Joe Daly led the Council in prayer.

Minutes of the June 18th meeting were approved.

Joe Daly reviewed plans to use the narthex as a place for ministries in the parish to describe their purpose and activities to parishioners after weekend liturgies. A few ministries have volunteered so far to take advantage of this opportunity to inform the parish of their work. Ministries were encouraged to provide text for a notice for the prior week's bulletin alerting the parish of their future narthex presence as well for an announcement read at the end the Liturgies at which they are present. The content and number of handouts to accompany the Council's narthex weekend were discussed without resolution.

Responses to the parish questionnaire received via the monthly breakfasts, snail-mail, email, or other method were discussed. A committee (Maureen, Michelle, and Matt) was formed to acknowledge only receipt of each response and then bring its content to the full council if a specific reply is needed.

An updated parish ministry contact list was distributed.

Steve Sozanski reported the progress of the Communications Committee. He and Maureen will work with Neil Dillon (Totally Together) on various updates and improvements. Discussion then turned to effective use of Facebook and Twitter as means of parish communication. Encouraging involvement of parish youth and finding a young adult supervisor experienced in public relations was briefly discussed, but further discussion was postponed until the next meeting. It was suggested that Jean Kelly might surface names of capable and interested parish youth for this project. Rosemary offered to contact Fr. John Murray concerning his experience using Facebook at his parish.

Council meeting dates for the year were approved but dates in November for nominee information night and discernment were left unresolved. A mechanism for discernment was approved for use this year whereby those being discerned for membership on the Council plus the present members would each have a vote. This process would be explained to nominees during the information night. It was noted that the terms of two discerned members (Barbara Fitzpatrick and Joe Daly) and an appointed member (George Perkins) will expire this year.

Fr. George formally introduced our new parochial vicar, Fr. Jason Brilhante. He then announced that a goal of the Council's original pastoral plan was closer to being realized as the Eucharist under both species, bread and wine, would be now be celebrated at the 4:00 PM Saturday Liturgy as well as the 10:30 AM Sunday Liturgy. Finally, he informed the Council that two years ago he had been approached by two parish members who wish to make religious articles available for sale to parishioners so that more homes might have such items available. After considering their idea further, they have now asked to survey the parish about the need for such a service.

Fr. Jason expressed his wish to develop a ministry to young adults that would involve prayer, catechesis and socializing.

Two draft documents from the Diocese of Fall River, Parish Pastoral Council Norms and Diocesan Statutes for Parish Pastoral Councils, had been distributed prior to the meeting. A brief discussion began around the Norms but a fuller discussion of both documents will be held at the September meeting.

Fr. Jason will lead us in prayer at our next meeting; Matt will record it.