

Meeting-Minutes

Cluster 5 Council

01/21/2009

St. Peter's Center

Attendance

- ❖ **Council Members Present:** Albert Van Dine, Tom Robinson, Kathleen Albert, Rose Rush, Roy Rivers, Charles Theriault, Lana Robinson, Cathy Cyr, Peter Cesare, Paula Sprague, Eldon Doody
- ❖ **Council Members Absent:** John Doe, Sandra Willard, Jodi Vaznis, Rose Legassey
- ❖ **Ex-Officio President:** Father Joel Cyr (present)
- ❖ **Cluster Pastoral Coordinator:** Deacon Dan Watson (present)
- ❖ **Cluster Business Coordinator:** Charleen Rossignol (absent)

- ❖ **Additional Attendees:** Wendy Woods, Janet DeGraw
- ❖ **Recording Secretary:** Nancy Rivers

Opening

1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Lana Robinson.
2. Opening Prayer Lana Robinson.
3. Minutes of November 18, 2008 Cluster 5 Council Meeting were read by Nancy. Al made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Paula seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4. Deacon Dan announced the resignation of Paula Adams from the council and thanked her for her service.
5. Lana Robinson introduced and welcomed Eldon Doody from St. Martins to the Cluster 5 Council. Eldon is replacing Sandra Lyons on the Finance Council. Lana stated that she received a formal resignation from Lisa Rush.

Discussion, decisions, assignments

Preparation for pastoral visitation by Bishop Malone

1. Father Cyr provided all present with a package that included a tentative agenda, draft letter to Bishop (demographics and overview of concerns) and rough

Pastoral Bylaws. He asked council to prepare to talk with the Bishop about their Joys and Concerns.

2. In order to be prepared to answer the Bishop's questions, the Council decided not to "breakaway" but to work together and brainstorm a list of Considerations for use while meeting with the Bishop.

Peter Cesare was asked to obtain a copy of the Deacon letter that came from the Chancery.

Paula noted improvement in council willingness to work together.

Kathleen Albert reiterated that there is no cost to the Cluster for the upcoming directory. The company makes profits from additional photographs ordered by parishioners. Photo Sessions will be in June. Bulletin inserts will commence in April.

Janet DeGraw explained the Affiliate Gift Store. All sales for the affiliate will yield the Cluster a 10% profit. The website will need some work in order to drive customers to it. Paula made a motion to accept the affiliate program on a 6 month trial, Charlie seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Janet DeGraw asked if the cluster had considered adoption of the cluster by a wealthy parish to help us through financial tough spots.

Nancy was asked to copy and email the Considerations List to the Council.

Wrap Up

Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Roy seconded the motion. All voted in favor (8:30 PM)

Closing prayer by Deacon Dan Watson

Next Meeting

Cluster 5 Pastoral Council – February 3 – 5:30 PM - St Peters

Cluster 5 Council – March 17 - 6:30 PM - St Peters