

Diocese of Portland Cluster 5
Cluster Council Minutes January 25, 2011

Members Present

Kathleen Albert
Judy Bishevsky
Joanne Farmer
Steve Fraser
John McManus

Nancy Moscone
Mike Rioux
Anna Robinson
Tom Robinson
Rose Rush

Kitty St. John
Jodi Vaznis
Barbara Waters
Christine Whitmer

Members Absent

Eldon Doody
Judy Pelletier

Skip Madore

George Pelletier

Also Attending

Core Management Team Member
Pastoral Council Recorder
Finance Council Recorder

Rev. Mr. Daniel Watson - Cluster Pastoral Life Coordinator
Dave Charrette
Diane Reece

Guests

Sandra Willard

Dot Howard

Call To Order

(Due to weather consideration, this meeting was rescheduled from Jan. 18, 2011.)

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, John McManus, at 6:30 p.m. and an opening prayer was delivered by Deacon Dan Watson.

Time for reviewing the minutes was allowed and the minutes were approved without objection following a motion made by Judy Bishevsky and seconded by Steve Fraser.

In foregoing separate business as is normally done during the regularly scheduled "breakout", John McManus turned the floor over to Finance Council Chairman, Steve Fraser who gave a presentation to the full Council regarding the state of affairs, primarily Christ the Divine Mercy Parish, while members present, along others in the room followed along in the written format entitled, "*Presentation on Financial Analysis of Cluster 5*".

With the document now having been delivered publicly, two points, in particular, merit mention. The first, is that Christ The Divine Mercy Parish at this point is potentially looking at a shortfall of \$70,128.00 for FY 2010. Secondly, if it is able to be scheduled,

commencement on the creation of a 5-year plan will begin, in order to return the parish to sound financial health.

At approximately 7:10 p.m., the floor was opened to questions. Responding to a statement made earlier about Commissions overspending their budgets, Deacon Dan noted an e-mail that he had sent to Commission Chairs about the newly instituted requirement that all *Pastoral* Commission spending go first through himself.

Mike Rioux expressed his frustration, shared by others, about “one set of books, one checking account”. There was a mixed understanding voiced as to where the current directive on this stems from.

Nancy Moscone questioned whether there might not be a better way to present financial information than in its current format in the bulletin. Judy Bishevsky refreshed members of the manner in which St. Benedict’s provides a “summary narrative” with regard to the Checking Account register as presented in the bulletin.

Referring to comments made about the two Eucharistic Sites of Christ The Divine Mercy Parish, Jodi Vaznis emphasized the need to focus on and foster the idea of “Parish” identity.

Concerns of the Members

John McManus announced the resignation of Eldon Doody (CDM Parish, St. Martin of Tours Eucharistic Site) and now the need from St. Martin’s to fill both Eldon’s slot as well as that of George Pelletier.

John also presented the question as to whether the Council was interested in a time change of the meeting. A quick survey of members present found no objection to changing the meeting start time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in Benedicta.

A closing prayer was offered by Mike Rioux.

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