

**Diocese of Portland Cluster 5
Cluster Council Minutes June 21, 2011**

Members Present

Steve Fraser
Joanne Farmer
John McManus, Pastoral Chair

Nancy Moscone
Judy Pelletier
Mike Rioux

Rose Rush
Barbara Waters
Christine Whitmer

Members Absent

Kathleen Albert
Skip Madore

Anna Robinson
Tom Robinson

Kitty St. John (resigned May 31)
Jodi Vaznis

Also Attending

Finance Council Recorder
Pastoral Council Recorder

Diane Reece
Dave Charrette

Guests

New Member (Fiscal Year 2012)
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Janet DeGraw
Mark Bigge

St. Benedict's Parish
Christ the Divine Mercy Parish (St. M.)

5:30 p.m..

The annual Cluster Council BBQ/potluck supper took place from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. with Mike Rioux at the grill assisted by his wife Fern.

Call to Order

Pastoral Council Chair John McManus called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.. The minutes from the May 17th meeting were read and members approved the minutes without objection, Judy Pelletier making the motion to accept with Mike Rioux seconding the motion.

Mike Rioux gave welcome to and announced the return of Steve Fraser to the Finance Council. An opening prayer having been overlooked as the meeting opened, was then offered by Judy Pelletier.

Introductions were made around the table. The customary breakout session for the two Councils was not scheduled for this meeting. It was decided that elections would be put off until the September meeting. At the same time the regular meeting schedule was discussed. Two decisions were taken on this point: 1.) the Pastoral Council following

the Finance Council's lead of last year, will attempt a monthly meeting schedule rather than a bi-monthly schedule and determine at some future point the degree to which this is helpful in attacking the challenges that the cluster currently is encountering, and, 2.) the rotation of meetings between the three sites is to be changed back to meetings being held in the central location of the parish hall at St. Peter's Eucharistic Site. These meetings are to be scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m..

Rose Rush emphasized the need to make sure that meetings are productive and with that what she thought was the need to stick as much as possible to both a set Start Time and Stop Time.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business scheduled. Mention was made of the fact that at St. Peter's Terry Strocky had stepped down from her position as Family Life Commission Chair. An effort will be mounted to fill that position.

The topic of *business being conducted via "consensus"* during Fiscal Year 2012 was discussed. The result is that members are asked to pray about it, and it will be discussed in September.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Judy Pelletier which was seconded by Christine Whitmer.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2011.

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