

Cluster 5 Council Meeting

September 20, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Deacon Danny Watson, Charleen Rossignol, Mike Rioux, Anna Robinson, Janet DeGraw, Betty Elwell, Nancy Moscone, Christine Whitmer, Judy Pellitier, Steve Fraser

Those Absent: Barbara Waters, Brenda Hews, Barbara Snowman (all excused absences)

Meeting called to order by Steve Fraser at 6:00 PM

Deacon Danny Watson went over a list of housekeeping items (1) meetings to be kept to 90 minutes (2) one conversation at a time (3) try to keep comments to 2 minutes and (4) prior to the end of the meeting council to review the minutes for accuracy

There was time taken to introduce new members to the council – Janet DeGraw and Betty Elwell representing St. Benedicts. Brenda Hews and Barbara Snowman will be new additions from St. Martins but were unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

Deacon Dan and Steve Fraser gave a brief overview of the purpose of the council, its interaction with the Deacon and Priest, the interaction of individual members to assigned commissions (liaison). There was a brief discussion with members. The overview was kept brief as the subject will need to be addressed again at the next meeting when the other new members come on board.

Next order of business was to cover some of the pastoral concerns that Father Cyr has. Father Cyr was not able to be present at the meeting so Deacon Dan and Steve Fraser presented some of these concerns. (1) council membership being low and the impact on not enough members (2) commission memberships down and the impact it has as (3) the number of parishioners attending mass declining (4) the need to review goals and objectives in the coming months. Janet DeGraw gave a presentation on the work that is being done on the cluster web site. She has been working with Father Cyr on ideas on how to improve to get more people using the web site.

The agenda was set to have the Pastoral and Finance Councils break into groups for the election of officers but due to the low turnout this was put off until the next meeting so that everyone could have involvement.

Deacon Dan reviewed with attendees the positions open on the commissions they are a liaison to and that they need to work on getting these positions filled. Deacon Dan , Mike Rioux, Nancy Moscone and Christine Whitmer to work on filling the open position on the Cluster Council created now that Kathleen Albert has completed here time on the council.

The floor was opened to the members to discuss any items they had. Judy Pellitier reported that St. Benedicts is doing a lot of work with the children and reminded everyone of the "Life in the Spirit" seminar at St. Benedicts September 23rd to 25th. Judy also presented information on the Montfort Consecration and passed out the material that goes with this. The Montfort Consecration is a series of prayers and readings developed by St. Louis de Montfort as a total consecration to Jesus through Mary. She asked members if they thought this would be a program that other parishioners would be interested in as it is a series of daily prayers and readings that can be done at home. Material is provided at no cost to the parishes. All agreed that this is something Judy and her commission should continue working on. Janet DeGraw said there have been several from St. Benedicts that have attended ACTS Retreats and would like to see a venue for one to be held closer to our area to make it easier for attendance.

After discussions were completed time was taken to review the minutes for accuracy

Judy Pellitier gave the closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 11th at 6:00 PM in St. Peters Parish Center. Will have to check on Father Cyrs schedule to verify he can attend.