

St. Mark's Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2007
(Our next meetings will be on October 23, 2007 at 7 PM.)

Council Members: * Denotes Trustees
 ** Denotes Officers
 *** Denotes Clergy/Staff

Msgr. William Carton***	Present	Mary Ellen Ballou	Present
Rev. Caesar Rubiano***	Absent	Gary Cademartori**	Present
Deacon Dennis Saake***	Present	Tom Hayes	Present
Frank Prettyman*	Present	Karen Pappas**	Present
Nelda Ragan*	Present	Frank Sharp	Absent
Peter Abitanto**	Absent	Carlos Zuna	Absent

Highlights:

Monsignor Carton opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 PM. The meeting was then called to order by Karen Pappas who thanked all present for their attendance.

Msgr. Carton told us that he had met with the youth of the parish at their “coffee house” meeting on Sunday, September 23. Approximately 35 young people attended. Monsignor also stated that there would be a Youth Mass at 6:30 PM beginning on October 7. He said that some of the music from the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass may be moved to the 6:30 Sunday Mass.

Karen, following up the August Council meeting, said that it was productive in that we now get immediate results and next day confirmation to items referred to the Web site. Also it was agreed that up to 5 pages each could be utilized by the various parish ministries.

Karen said that each ministry should begin to consider what documents can be put on line so as to be available to all parishioners. Yet it is also important for the ministries to save and archive their own historical information and documents since the web would not be an appropriate place to store this information for future generations.

A handout, entitled “St. Mark’s Catholic Church Website Posting Protocol” was given to all attendees, discussed and adopted at this meeting. A copy of this protocol is attached.

Frank P. asked how far back the web info goes as to the Church Historical information. Some discussion ensued and the consensus was that there is some older information that is not on the web, which would probably not be appropriate for web placement.

Plans for the October planning meeting were discussed and it was agreed that that meeting would be of the Council members only.

Dennis stated that the Funeral and Wedding planning subjects were now on the Web.

Dennis also said that, with a few reservations, the Vatican Music recital with the Music ministry went very well and was assisted by the newly formed Hospitality committee. The Committee is moving forward with 4-5 possible leaders being considered. Several additional recitals are being considered such as "Theater Night" or "Oldies" concerts.

A discussion was also held regarding prior approval of commentaries and scheduling of these and similar events.

The Church picnic will be held on September 30 from 3 to 7 PM and good weather is expected.

The church Library was discussed and it was agreed that it needs a volunteer or two on Sundays and also someone to oversee organizing and advertising the materials. It was suggested that perhaps some of the Youth group members would be able to assist.

Some issues were raised with regard to some of the ministries, particularly the issue of formally scheduling readers and Eucharistic ministers at the 11:00 A.M. daily Mass, and it was felt that perhaps scheduling and training of these groups should be reviewed.

A Financial Report is scheduled to be released during the second week in October, which should be more detailed than previous reports.

The status of electronic collections is on "Hold".

The next Parish Council meeting, our Planning meeting, will be held on October 23 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be open only to Parish Council members.

Action Items Carried Over from August 28, 2007 Meeting:

1. Get suggestions for agenda items for our meetings to Karen by the 10th of each month to allow sufficient time for review, approval and distribution of the package one week prior to each meeting. Responsibility: All Members
2. Check on the various Diocesan sponsored publications, meetings, workshops, etc. and report on those of potential interest. Responsibility: Nelda
3. Finalize the formation of our Hospitality Committee and define the leadership role. Responsibility: Deacon Dennis
4. Place a notice in our Bulletin advertising for help with our Library and add information to our website on the Library and its contents. Also talk with our CCD leaders for their suggestions on how we might increase Library usage. Responsibility: Karen, Deacon Dennis, and other Parish Council members.