

**St. Joseph's Church Parish Council**  
**May 4, 2015**

**Present:** Rev. Peter Worn, Malcolm Bienvenu, Julie Brissette, Patricia Butler, John Ferguson, Robert Fiorelli, Karen Hopkins, Hannah Humphrey, David Kaminski, Susan Ross

**Excused:** Rosemary Carr, Carmella Dalton, Nancy Light, Dennis McGough, Lorraine Pigula, Grainger Sasso, Jane Sylvester, Al Thompson

**Guest:** Rev. David James

At 6:35 pm, Vice President Susan Ross called the Parish Council meeting to order.

**Opening Prayer:** Julie Brissette

**Privilege of the Floor** (visitors' comments)

No comments

**Approve Parish Council minutes**

Approve the March 23, 2015 Parish Council meeting minutes; motion to approve as written: Bob Fiorelli/Julie Brissette; unanimously approved

**Old Business**

Rebuilt: Chapters 10-14

Father Peter's comments:

- Make a list of tasks that can be delegated to others
- Ch. 10: insightful
- Ch. 11: ministry = ownership/empowerment
- One-third of our parish supports the whole; encourage more parishioners to consider financial support at some level
- Parish is supported by prayer, financial donations and volunteerism

Ch. 11 & 12 discussion/comments:

- Service projects get the young people involved; encourages youth to attend Mass; positive impact on lost people returning to church
- Holy Family organized a parish mission around the house they have; engages people of all ages
- Get people excited about their faith and they will increase their giving; organize a parish-wide project
- Taking ownership = volunteerism; is Volunteer Sunday effective? No, the volunteer form is overwhelming
- Brainstorming: recruit for various ministries throughout the year; separate the form into individual ministries and recruit parishioners monthly (?) i.e., every fourth Sunday
- Ministries Handbook – has been created in some parishes; paper copy and on the website
- Have new volunteers share their experiences and the impact on their personal and faith lives
- People need to have their questions answered before they will be comfortable volunteering
- Personal invitation is effective; privilege to be asked to volunteer
- Recruit at the Fall Festival – personal invitations
- Tally volunteers and publish in the bulletin
- Peter said we will find concrete ways to make some of these ideas happen
- First Communion at Mass – welcoming environment for visitors; focus on the children
- Easter Vigil – awesome Mass

Assignment for the next meeting: read Chapter 15

### **New Business**

#### Membership vacancies/recruit 4 new members for a three-year term

- Suggest a nominating committee: Bob Fiorelli (chair), Julie Brissette, David Kaminski
- Bob Fiorelli/Julie Brissette – motion to amend the number of days required to notify Council members of who has been nominated to fill vacancies (rescinded when the June meeting date was changed to 6/29)
- An announcement will be published in the parish bulletin for the next 2-3 weeks asking for volunteers to consider serving on Parish Council
- Bob Fiorelli will be the contact person for information and nominations

#### Election of officers in June

Parish Council will elect a President, Vice President, and Secretary.

#### Review the 2015-16 meeting calendar

The calendar will be approved in June

**Day:** Monday

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**Location:** Rectory conference room

<b>Dates:</b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
	September 21	January 25
	November 16	March 21
		May 9
		June 13

#### Fall 2015 Parish Retreat

Date: November 14, 2015

Location: Christ the King retreat house

Rev. John Rose, facilitator

\*For all parishioners involved in liturgical ministries

#### Upcoming meetings

May 16, 2015: Diocesan meeting

May 18, 2015 – PCA meeting at St. Joseph's

May crowning – held during First Communion Masses

### **Parish Committee Reports**

#### Faith in Action/Facilities – John Ferguson

- Collected \$1.5M
- \$30,000 remains unspent
- See bulletin insert for details

#### *Multipurpose room*

\$700,000 budget, including furniture, AV equipment, fire safe door

#### *Future projects*

- Revisit the original engineering study for projects to spend the remaining \$30,000; possible projects include parking lot repairs, new carpet and rebuilding the pews.

- Reestablish the Buildings & Grounds Committee to consider future projects; collaborate with Finance Committee

#### **Parishioner Feedback**

- Easter Vigil Mass was beautiful; Father Peter put his personal touch on the beauty of the Mass
- The Triduum was inspiring
- Steve Angrisano – fantastic mission; people gravitate to him because of his personality

#### **Pastor's Comments**

Father David's presence has been a blessing

#### **Prayer Leader**

June 29, 2015 meeting: Pat Butler

**Closing Prayer:** Julie Brissette

At 7:36 p.m., the Parish Council meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by,

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**Next meeting:** June 29, 2015; 6:30 pm