

Parish Council Minutes
October 24, 2006

Rebecca Wood
Alberto Torres
Margret Warren
Carole Maxwell

Bill Knapp
Mary Lou Marple
Katharine Anderson
Father Michael Schmied

Father Paddy Cannon
Steve O'Leary
Angy Acosta
Fidel Rubio

Prayer & Reflection

Steve led the council in prayer and reflection. He shared with us the 5th chapter in Hebrews. We related it to the current status of the Parish Council. Everyone was pleased by the reading.

Steve & Father Mike also requested that we keep Ron & Karin Guye in our prayers because of the loss of their daughter, Katy Guye.

Approval of the Minutes

We approved the July minutes as written.

There were several corrections made to the September 26th minutes:

- Angy's name was misspelled 2ce
- There was a discussion as to who would be on the discernment committee
 - On the original document it said that no discussion was made
- There will be no meeting in August should be erased from the September minutes
- Move to strike the word "be" from Parish Voice "the ushers will be handing out ballots to be"

Parish Voice

Carole proudly announced that the St. Augustine t-shirts are in ☺

Father Mike spoke about the loss of Katie Guye. The funeral will be Thursday, October 26th. Father Mike expressed how special Katie was because of the bridge she formed between the Anglo & the Hispanic Community (because of her recent wedding). Bill would like to get a sympathy card for Katie's family and the family of her husband.

Steve asked about buying nets for the soccer field. Father Mike told him to notify buildings.

Alberto voiced a concern about the building being open. A man came in and used the woman's restroom. Father suggested that the ushers may have to usher during mass & then attend another mass to worship.

Katherine mentioned that she knew of other parishes where an adult is positioned at the restroom during any church function. Bill will ask the ushers to check on what is going on every 15 minutes.

Committee Voice

Stewardship fair- Mary Lou wants to have a big representation. Representatives will begin setting up at 2pm on Saturday. Each committee will have materials and people at each of the tables following each mass.

Carole mentioned that it may be useful to have the stewardship fair before discernment so people could get more interested in the discernment process. Mary Lou said that it was also important that we advertise after the 1 & 6 mass. Bill would like to have a table set up for Parish Council. Father Mike suggested that we have hard copies of *We Walk by Faith & Called to Serve* available.

Bill brought up a concern about having kneelers installed in the back of the church. Carole suggested that we would need them in the front as well. Father Mike said that their used to be some in the front but it made it too crowded. He also mentioned that the company that made the kneelers has gone out of business. Bill moved to give the issue to buildings & grounds.

Hispanic Committee

(please paste Alberto's notes here)

Worship Committee

Father Mike talked about the Saturday retreat & what a success it was.

He also brought up concerns about Christmas Mass. This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Because of this there will be no mass Sunday morning. Instead we will have mass at 3, 5, and 7- 7pm mass will be in Spanish. It was also decided that the 5:30 Mass on the 23rd will be bilingual and include a celebration of the Posadas.

Three Year Plan

Many corrections were suggested. They include:

- in the Summary section – “it is difficult to place on e” should read “it is difficult to place one”
- page 4- will get a phone call
- Remove middle sentence in Deacon's of St. Augustine, replace with – “The deacons of our parish have been a valuable resource to us. We are actively seeking the presence of a bilingual/Hispanic deacon.
- Remove under Integration #2

- In the needs section we need to mention senior citizens, the handicapped, and bilingual youth ministry.
 - A paragraph for each of these needs to be added to the summary section as well
- In the summary section we need to include staff, space, and volunteers
- Under staffing
 - Erase 2nd sentence
 - Hispanic/Bilingual/catholic/young adult minister needed full time
- Carole moved that we make the first page read 2007-2010 and beyond
- Space Needs- need choir space & storage space

We Walk by Faith

Bill said that our goal as parish council is to get the information in *We Walk by Faith* into the pews. Mary Lou talked about pew talk. We will talk about what the document looks like and have sample questions. On the 28th of November we will meet in the church to answer the questions listed in *We Walk by Faith*. We should give personal invitations to parishioners. The Tentative plan is to break up into 4 groups to discuss the questions. The Hispanic Committee needs to become involved as well.

Steve mentioned that we also need to talk about discernment. 88 letters went out & there was only one interested person. Most people said that they did not have time; some said that they were not the right people; others said they could not take on anything else.

We need to embrace *We Walk by Faith*. Katherine suggests that as a Parish Council we should tell the committee chairs that they need to be at the meetings.

Steve said that members present this evening will read *We Walk by Faith* and be prepared to discuss it on November 12th from 3-5. The second town meeting or pew talk will be December 2nd from 11-1.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rebecca Wood
 Member at Large