

**St. Nicholas Parish Life Committee
Minutes for 7/17/2011**

Members present: Keith Carlson; Mary-Jeanne' Davidson; Dale Feltes; Deacon Gary Harmeyer; Kevin Rack; Dolores Machik; Lora DiNardo; Pat Roll; Joanne Webb; Sue (Settineri) Zydlewski

The meeting opened with a prayer about 12:30PM.

The committee worked its way through the agenda items as follows:

Administrative Items:

- Keith introduced Sue (Settineri) Zydlewski who was sitting in at his invitation to see if she might like to join the PL committee
- Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes of the 6/12/2011 meeting.
- Meetings:
 - We moved the PL meeting time up to 12:15PM, and
 - In the future, we will meet in Room 103 instead of the Commons

Old Business - Update on Events:

- Fr. Jun Receptions for July 2nd & 3rd
 - Everything came off as planned except the "Welcome Fr. JunE" banners
 - Lesson learned: pick up banners more than 48 hours before an event!
 - Otherwise, well-attended, menu as planned and Fr. Jun seem to be pleased
- Capital Campaign Brunch
 - Currently scheduled for September 18th, with PL providing support
 - Fr. Jun will be on vacation, however, which is problematic
 - Lora will contact Roger Morgan about moving the date up
 - August 28th might be a potential date

Action Items from June 12th Meeting:

- Formal Parish Survey
 - The discussion of this item centered around Fr. Jun's desire to follow-up on the "We Walk by Faith" survey of several years ago.
 - This will be a major topic of discussion at the Parish Council retreat in September
 - Deacon Gary suggested we hold off on the survey until PC decides how to proceed with this follow-up.
 - The committee agreed to table further discussion until after the PC retreat.
- Lessons Learned
 - Will be distributed with next month's meeting material.
- Leads for PL Events for FY 2012 thru December, 2011
 - Recurring Events:
 - Dolores, Joanne and Lora confirmed they will continue as leads for the FPBs
 - Mary-Jeanne' confirmed she will be the lead for Christian Formation Socials, but
 - Would like to recruit some helpers
 - Other Events thru December, 2011
 - Capital Campaign Brunch – Lora and Dolores will be the PL leads
 - Lessons and Carols – Dale
 - Breakfast with St. Nicholas – Mary-Jeanne'
 - We still need leads for
 - Trunk or Treat
 - New Year's Eve Party

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- Welcoming Process for New Parishioners
 - This item was tabled in the absence of Sheilah and Sam, however
 - Since this has been languishing and PL has plenty on its plate
 - We will contact Sam and Sheilah to see if they wish to pursue the project
- Update on Soul Surfer
 - Lora is the PL lead and has been working with Erin Sherwood
 - Lora said the movie is set for August 12th
 - Joanne noted that it didn't appear on the Parish Calendar
 - However Deacon Gary and Lora discussed scheduling it with Kathy
 - Dale will confirm the date with her
 - While PL is providing support, Erin has the lead
 - The movie will be free, but will require ticketing to manage attendance
 - Currently shooting for about 220 attendees
 - Erin is
 - Arranging ticket sales after masses
 - Handling bulletin and altar announcements
 - Arranging for decorations
 - PL will
 - Pay for the pizza
 - Help with volunteers for ticket sales, event management

New Business:

- Capital Campaign Concert
 - Annamarie Butts has proposed to do concert this Fall sometime
 - PL has been asked to provide support
 - The committee agreed that, depending on timing, it could provide help with ticket sales, event management, however this requires CC leadership
 - We will pass that onto Roger Morgan
 - Kevin Rack volunteered to act as the PL lead if the event goes forward
- Stewardship Sunday
 - The committee decided that for PL, SS recruiting will be to add to our volunteer list
 - The committee also agreed to offer Stewardship support with refreshments, but
 - Not knowing what is wanted, did not form a sub-committee
 - Lora will contact Megan Lombard to see what assistance she may want, and
 - Get event details for PL planning
- Men's and Women's Clubs
 - The committee discussed the reasons for starting these clubs
 - Found them to be social, in-reach, out-reach with spiritual components
 - Most members were in favor of pursuing them
 - Focusing initially on the men's club, the committee discussed holding a pig roast as a kick-off event
 - Thought the potential exists to pair with the Fall Fling
 - Will contact the committee to raise idea
 - Additionally, the committee agreed to work over the next month to develop plans going forward
 - Kevin and Keith decided to
 - Get together over a beer to talk it thru and
 - Reach out to other men (John Scheib? Jack Wood?)
 - Lora will reach out to other women in the parish

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Items from the Floor:

- Parishioner Perspectives
 - Sue Zydlewski told the committee that there are lots of families waiting in the wings to see if there will be the kinds of change at St. Nicholas which will induce them to stay
 - She also suggested that, while changes are now under consideration, or currently in the works are good, the parish needs to do something to show change now
 - After much discussion, the committee decided to propose a suggestion box to be called Parishioner Perspectives
 - PL will manage it, but suggestions can pertain to all areas of St. Nicholas life
 - Suggestions and responses should be published to the parish
 - Responses will generally have to be staffed thru Deacon Gary
 - But folks who identify themselves should be given acknowledgements quickly
 - Vetting will be needed to weed out inappropriate or hurtful comments, but
 - The program should be transparent.
 - Joanne and Sue will put together a one-page process for handling the program for Fr. Jun's approval.
- Children's Tithe Program
 - This was to be discussed at the PC Retreat, but did not show up on that agenda.
 - Dale said Sonya was to contact Michelle Rack to discuss it with her.
 - The last time he talked to Michelle she had not heard from Sonya.
 - Lora agreed to follow up.
- Deacon Gary had suggested that PL hold one hospitality Sunday in August
 - Alice and Jerry Riendeau had cancelled the summer events because they were still recovering from being quite ill
 - Gary thought we should try for one Sunday before Fr. Jun goes on vacation on 9/12
 - Dale agreed to set it up for the weekend of August 13/14

Wrap-Up:

Action Items:

- Dale will let John Lombard know that survey project is tabled for now.
- All members consider who can take the lead on the "Trunk or Treat" and "New Year's Eve Party" events.
- Lora DiNardo will contact Sheilah Davidson and Sam Fabian to see if they are still interested in pursuing the parish welcoming project.
- Dale Feltes will get copies of collected Lessons Learned out to PL Committee.
- Dale or Lora will contact Roger Morgan about moving CC Brunch to 8/28 so we can have Fr. Jun in attendance.
- Dale follow-up with Roger Morgan on CC Concert by Annamarie Butts-Smith. (Kevin Rack will take the lead, if needed.)
- Dale will touch base with Kathy Lawless to make sure that Soul Surfer Family Movie night is, in fact, on the schedule for 8/12.
- Lora will get in touch with Megan Lombard about Stewardship Weekend
 - Communicate the ideas which came up in PL meeting
 - Offer PL support for refreshments which might help get folks into the social hall.
- Dale will contact John Wiersch about a pig roast/PL help for the fall fling as a first step in starting a Men's Club. Get back in touch with Keith on the FF committee reaction.
- Dale and Lora will keep the lead on Stewardship Sunday plans for now. Once we know Stewardship's plans, we can pull together the SS plan for PL.

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- Sue Zydlewski and Joanne Webb will put together a draft procedure for Parishioner Perspective project for rolling out and handling the project and email it to Gary, Dale, Lora and Vanessa Valdejuli.
- Lora will touch base with Sonya McKechnie on the Children's Tithe idea to make sure that a proposal is ready for the PC retreat and that Sonya contacts Michelle Rack to lay the ground work.
- Dale will take the lead on Hospitality Sunday volunteers using Alice Riendeau's list
 - He and Cheryl will handle the 11:00AM mass and find someone for the 5:30PM
 - Pat and Carol Rolls will handle the 9:00AM mass
- The Next Meeting:
 - Sunday, August 21st, at 12:15PM in Room 103
 - The meeting ended about 2:00PM with the Lord's Prayer