

St. Nicholas Parish Life Committee
Minutes for 9/25/2011

Members present: Keith Carlson; Mary-Jeanne' Davidson; Rob Davidson; Sam Fabian; Dale Feltes; Deacon Gary Harmeyer; Dolores Machik; Lora DiNardo; Mark Shaw; Joanne Webb; Sue (Settineri) Zydlewski

The meeting opened with a prayer about 12:15PM.

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

Administrative Items:

- Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes of the 7/17/2011 meeting.

Old Business - Update on Events:

- Capital Campaign Brunch
 - Had more than 70+ attendees and plenty of volunteers
 - Fr. Jun did a nice 9/11 service
 - No menu issues; breakfast well-received
 - About \$24K in donations, so better than anticipated
 - Otherwise, well-attended, menu as planned and Fr. Jun seem to be pleased
- Stewardship Sunday
 - Lora briefed the committee on the work that has been done to prepare for the event
 - PL will provide food support and Dale has put out a call for volunteers
 - There has been good response, so plenty of workers
 - We will pick up hospitality type items on Friday before the event
 - PL will be in the commons with Admin/Ways & Means
 - Have several people signed for the PL table (Sue is covering several masses)
 - Could use some additional help
 - Volunteers should email Dale and Lora
- Fall Fling
 - Received two short-fused requests for PL support
 - Deb Barbachem is looking for up to 10 folks to help with food sales
 - John Wiersch looking for up to
 - 15 folks on Saturday to move unsold items indoors for after mass sales
 - 15 folks on Sunday to box up leftovers for the Salvation Army
 - Put out email call for volunteers earlier this week
- Fellowship Pancake Breakfast on October 2nd
 - Joanne Webb has the lead
 - All the supplies have been ordered or on-hand
 - Appear to have adequate volunteers to manage things
- PL Support for Trunk or Treat
 - Mark Shaw has contacted Cyndy and offered PL support
 - No known need for volunteers, but Mark will follow-up with Cyndy to make sure
 - Would like to offer musical support
 - PL would cover the cost of a DJ if Cyndy wants one
 - Dale will provide Mark with the contact info for the DJ PL has been using
 - Mark explained the event because most PL folks didn't know much about it
 - Consensus was that it sounds like a great event
 - PL would like to help in anyway CF may wish

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- Pastoral Council Retreat
 - Lora & Dale gave brief overview of the retreat day
 - We Walk By Faith update well received
 - Provided follow-up actions for PC this year
 - Good interaction w/staff, other committees on engaging parishioners/volunteers
 - Welcoming Initiative for PL one of the action items from the retreat
 - All of PC was engaged; very encouraging event

Suggestion Box Update:

- Lora pointed out the box now in the Commons
 - Gift from Sue's Zydlewsk's dad who made it
 - PL sent out a thank you letter to him
- Fr. Jun has approved the box and protocol has noted in his bulletin letter
- Dale discussed with Glen Webb posting suggestions and answers on the website
 - Minor protocol issues to work out with staff
 - But we can get them out on the PL page
- Dale & Lora will work out the rest of the details for the web, but in the meantime
 - Anticipate answers to recent suggestions will appear in the bulletin
 - And will be posted in the commons

Action Items from August 21st Meeting:

- Pig Roast and Men's Club Update
 - Dale told the committee that pulling off the pig roast this fall was probably too difficult
 - A small group had met once and made tentative plans, but
 - A second meeting had only 50% attendance and then August slipped away
 - Had not been able to complete the discernment process for Fr. Jun
 - Keith had contacted Dale with his concerns
 - CC Brunch, Stewardship weekend and just the business of fall make this difficult
 - Suggested a spring event
 - Dale discussed the requests PL has made to head up a parish picnic shelter project
 - To be built on St. Nick' property and
 - Could be an event around which to build the Men's Club initiative
 - The committee discussed the idea and supported it
 - Dale & Keith will take the lead on starting this event with a little larger committee
 - We will approach Fr. Jun after he returns from the Philippines
- Just Seniors and New Year's Eve Party
 - Dale confirmed that PL had reached out to Just Seniors about the event
 - Sharon Kilby will approach her members about
 - Whether JS would like to see the event continue
 - Would be willing to provide some volunteer support
 - The next JS meeting will be on October 18th, but
 - Hope to meet informally with Sharon beforehand to discuss in greater detail
- PL Lead for Annemarie's Proposed CC Concert
 - Kevin Rack agreed at an earlier meeting to be the PL lead, however
 - As discussed by the PL committee, Lora contacted Roger to clarify the event
 - PL willing to provide logistics help (ticket sales, food, set-up, clean-up)
 - But CC needs to take the lead on hosting the event
 - Roger Morgan is in agreement

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- Also, there appears to be some significant expense for the orchestra (> \$500?)
 - The committee discussed whether or not PL budget should absorb that
 - The sense of the committee as that it could not
- PL will therefore offer logistics support, but orchestra funding must fall to the CC
- Transcription of Volunteer Sign-Up Lists
 - The committee thanked Rob Davidson for transcribing recruiting weekend lists
 - Dale has already forwarded the new FPB list to Joanne
 - We will update the list with new volunteers from Stewardship Weekend and get it out
- Women's Club Exploratory Meeting
 - Lora briefed the meetings held to date
 - A number of women attended the evening meeting after Mass, but
 - There was interest in a second, daytime meeting
 - Primarily for moms who find it difficult to get out in the evening
 - So that meeting was held as well
 - Members of the committee who attended the meetings discussed them
 - There is interest in social, service and spiritual components
 - The interest appears strong enough to warrant further examination
 - Lora will arrange discernment when Fr. Jun returns
- Breakfast with St. Nicholas
 - Mary-Jeanne described her plans for the event
 - Simple breakfast
 - Visit by St. Nicholas
 - Activities to emphasize the "giving" meaning of Christmas
 - Mary-Jeanne has found a number of web-based resources
 - But needs to recruit someone to play St. Nicholas and workers for the event
 - Also needs assistance in the food-service for the event
 - It was agreed to hold a planning meeting to address these needs
- Children's Offertory Project
 - Originally, PL had hoped to present the project at the PC Retreat
 - The agenda, however, was too full, so
 - Sonya reviewed her proposal with Liturgy and CF to get their support
 - Propose that it be presented at the next PC meeting
 - The committee reviewed and discussed Sonya's proposal (attached)
 - The committee was impressed with the quality and thoroughness of the proposal
 - And supported taking it to PC for review, recommending St. Nicholas adopt it
 - Dale will forward it to the PC Chair asking that it be considered at the next meeting

New Business:

- Welcoming Committee (from PC Retreat)
 - Small group discussion during the retreat turned to this need
 - While the parish has a welcoming process, PC saw a need for something in addition
 - Basically an outreach (mentorship) program
 - This would pair an established St. Nick's family with one coming into the parish
 - The idea is to provide a way to help the new family find its place at St. Nicholas
 - Mentoring families would reach out, offering to meet the new families at mass
 - Invite them to social events, e.g. FPB's, hospitality Sundays, Lessons & Carols
 - Basically make them feel welcome and supported
 - Joanne Webb will work with Louise Palamara to establish the program
 - We will ask for volunteers during Stewardship Weekend
 - And several PL members expressed interest in helping

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Items from the Floor:

- While knowing it is not really a PL issue, Keith asked if there is any longer a need for the Stewardship Committee
 - He pointed out the difficulty of finding new leadership
 - Several committees have no chairs already and
 - Megan Lombard has stepped down from Stewardship after many years
 - Is there still a need?
 - PL members discussed how that committee came into existence,
 - The varied nature of its mission over the years, but
 - It was not clear what its current mission is
 - The Parable Projects have been superseded by the Capital Campaign
 - Smaller fund raisers are really the province of Ways & Means
 - We Walk by Faith, while a living document, is now the province of PC
 - Outreach to inactive households?
 - The sense of the committee was that, other than hosting Stewardship Weekend, the committee doesn't have a solid mission
 - The committee agreed that the question be raised to PC.

Wrap-Up:

- Action Items:
 - Mark will contact Cyndy to double check on "Trunk or Treat" support
 - Dale will get the name of the DJ we have used to Mark
 - Keith and Dale will form a large sub-committee to re-energized the Men's Club effort
 - Dale & Lora will follow-up with Just Seniors on New Year's Eve
 - Dale will follow-up with Deacon Gary & Glenn Webb on suggestion box posting
 - Rob Davidson will complete transcription of the volunteer sign-up sheets
 - Once transcribed, Dale will email to the committee
 - Lora will continue with the Women's Club Exploratory meetings
 - Dale & Lora will meet with Mary-Jeanne' on Breakfast with St. Nicholas planning
 - Dale & Lora will propose that at its next meeting, PC consider
 - The Children's Offertory Project
 - Continuance of the Stewardship Committee
- The next meeting is Sunday, October 16th at 12:15PM
- The meeting ended about 1:45PM with the Lord's Prayer