

Summary of SNCC Constitution Revisions 10/8/2019

Article III Membership

Section 7: Added verbiage about a designated and approved representative attending PC meetings in the event a committee chair cannot attend.

Section 8: Added verbiage in the case of a lack of volunteers to serve on PC that the 6 year term limit may be waived.

Article V Parish Council Special Appointments

Deleted Sections 3 and 4. These sections dealt with the position of a Parish Historian which we do not have as this function is done by the Parish Staff.

Article VI Meetings

Section 3: Changed “shall” to “should” regarding the order of business at Council Meetings to allow for greater flexibility

Article VII Executive Committee

Section 1: Added the Pastoral Associate to the members of the Executive Committee to allow for continuity and greater depth of knowledge on issues to be brought to the Parish Council agenda planning. Deleted the phrase “each with equal voice and vote” as the Executive Committee is not utilized as a decision making body.

Article VIII Committee Representatives and Duties

Deleted Section 1 which called for Committee Chairpersons to be elected annually. Rationale for deletion is that many committees do not have enough interested volunteers to be electing a new Chairperson each year. Elections of new Chairpersons are handled internally within each Committee.

Section 2: Changed “shall” to “should” regarding a three consecutive year term for Chairpersons to allow greater flexibility in the case that another volunteer is not available.

Article IX Budget Procedures

Added the Parish Business Manager to sections 4, 5 and 7 to be in line with current Parish operating procedures.

Article X Relationships

Section 2: Deleted Sub-section E which stated: “In cases where the Pastor concludes that a decision not be implemented, he must inform the Council as soon as possible stating his reason. The matter is then reconsidered. If, after reconsideration, an agreement cannot be reached, the Pastor or the Council may present the situation to the Ordinary of the Diocese for decision.”

Rationale: The Parish Council is here to advise the Pastor in his decision making process not to make decisions for the Parish as explained in Section 1 of Article X. This is also highlighted in Section 2 sub-section B as well as in the Diocese of Richmond latest version of Called to Serve - Diocesan Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils.