

Minutes for Parish Council Meeting on 9 June 2009

Members present: Kim and Vince McDermott (EMHC/retirees), John Hartke (member-at-large), Brian and Betty Moretti (chaplain's time), Pete Kilner (altar servers), Claire Ressler (acting Budget Manager), Cindy Ragsdale (DRE), Msgr. Brian Donahue (pastor), Meredith Baker (music ministry), and Eileen Kowalski (president).

Parish Appreciation AAR

1. Janek's gave us twice as much food as we needed. Plan for this next time they cater for us.
2. Tony Brown at FMWR and COL Bruno, Garrison Commander, are interested in feedback about our experience with the Club System. Reporting that the Club neglected to open the 49er Lodge for us resulted in the Club establishing a new system where users sign out keys for facilities.
3. Good location.
4. Notify people receiving certificates. Many departing volunteers were not present, perhaps because they didn't know we would recognize them.
5. Shorten to two hours and stop at published time.

Chaplain's Time

1. Brian and Betty Moretti are coordinating events for this year.
2. Dates are 8, 22, and 29 July as well as 5 Aug.
3. 15 July is the Ice Cream Social (Wednesday afternoon).
4. Publicizing by flyers, community channel, bulletin, and Mass announcements. We will also announce this at the 1100 R-day Mass for parents.
5. Circulate sign-up sheets for volunteers so we can establish a distro list if we need to switch sites due to weather.
6. Purchase orders for cleaning supplies, paper products, and commissary items are in the works.
7. Betty Moretti is available at betty.moretti@amedd.army.mil , bamoretti@hvc.rr.com, or 845-567-0175.

Ministry Fair

1. Ministry fairs after all Masses on the weekend of 22-23 August.
2. Ministry heads: please be sure you have someone available to staff your table after each of the three Masses that weekend.
3. EMHC's will also have a table. Parishioners who express interest must have all the appropriate sacraments.
4. Plebes will be at the Plebe Retreat that weekend. However, we will canvass their interest during Masses over the summer. Pete Kilner is willing to scan their sign-up sheets and distribute them as PDF files.

Youth Group

1. Summer events listed on Jay's flyer.
2. Also sponsoring Teen Underground Bible Study (TUBS) each Thursday night during the summer.
3. Conducting phone survey of youth to learn about their experience with MHT youth group and/or Wyldlife, and also to get feedback on which day to meet.
4. Mission trip to Baltimore this summer.
5. Rafting trip in September.

Building Improvements and Renovation

1. CH Chapman came through the chapel in January or February with a check sheet from IMCOM. Fr. Brian will follow up with CH Chapman.
2. Some repairs (patched or peeling paint) need to be done by DPW. We need to check on the status of work orders.
3. Looking for an engineer to walk through the building with Fr. Brian and see what work needs to be done. (COL Steve Ressler has offered to do this.)
4. The chapel and rectory are leased from the Archdiocese of NY for 100 years by the government (until 2099). Lease states that the government will repair and maintain the buildings.

Flowers

1. Agreement with Morning Pond florist says they will maintain the flowers. That was not done during the Easter season.
2. The woman who used to do it, Jenny, recently left Morning Pond and started her own shop.
3. Fr. Brian is meeting with Morning Pond staff to clarify what services they will provide.

Fall 2009 Parish Picnic

1. Fall parish picnic is Sunday, 13 Sep, 2009.
2. Mass will begin at 1130 since 1100 Mass is too soon for folks to get there from Religious Ed.
3. Mass at Chapel Point, followed by potluck dinner at Barth Hall. Vince McDermott will reserve Barth Hall.
4. We need a picnic POC if anyone would like to volunteer.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, 18 Aug 09, at 1700 in the rectory.

Respectfully Submitted

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Eileen M. Kowalski

Parish Council President