

Minutes
St. Gregory the Great Parish
Meeting July 1, 2002

Present: Father Arrando, Kathy Kelly, Steve Crespo, Pat Murphy, Ed DeVeaux, Donna Strosser, Janice Rudisill, Rocco Colucci, Paul Valeri, and Joanne Murphy (from previous Council here to provide assistance to the Council member taking over her Committee)

Absent: All present

Minutes: Steve Crespo

Opening Prayer: Steve Crespo

We began the meeting with the introductions of all Council members. For the benefit of the new members, Kathy explained the sequence we follow for each meeting. We also discussed and decided that the frequency for the meetings in the 2002/2003-year would be the 3rd Monday of every month provided there was business to discuss. In case of a holiday, the meeting would move to the 4th Monday of that month.

Review Minutes:

- ✓ The Minutes from our last meeting were amended and approved.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Arrando

- ✓ Father started by thanking everyone for being here. Adding that the Second Vatican Council places great hope on Lay Advisory Councils. Father emphasized that we are a faith community. He also said he would stand behind the Council, and never overstep our decisions.
- ✓ There is currently a shortage of priests. Fathers Angelo's Angelo, Ray, and John are assisting at St. Joe's in Brookfield. They are covering Masses and Confessions in addition to their duties here at St. Gregory's. Therefore, Father will rely on our Council more than ever.
- ✓ Wonderful things are happening at St. Gregory's. We have great liturgies. We truly have a number one parish.
- ✓ Father is now president of ARC. On July 2nd ARC will be voting to change their Statement of Purpose. This change will reflect current values and issues. In addition to this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service ARC will be voting on something very special for Thanksgiving Day. They will request that at 3:00pm on Thanksgiving Day the city activate the siren system and every one of all faiths will stop and read a prayer at the same time. The prayers will be specific to each denomination involved.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education and Formation:

Mary Lou Cuff

- ✓ Mary Lou was present, however she provided a list of those under the Committee that report to her for the new committee chair.

Administrative Services:

Mark Edwards

- ✓ Mark was absent and no reports were received.

Parish and Community Life:

Pat Murphy

- ✓ Pat discussed a letter she composed to all Parish groups. The letter was a explanation of the new computer program that was purchased for the calendar.
- ✓ Pat also submitted a year-end report for her committee. Pat's major responsibility was the scheduling of events for our Parish calendar. This included making sure that fair and equitable use of the Parish facilities were provided to all groups. This year we lost Carol DelliCarpini, our Parish Secretary. She was most valuable in helping out with the calendar. Sue Garufi has replaced Carol. Sue has been very helpful in letting Pat know about possible conflicts before they became major concerns. Pat was able to complete scheduling with a minimum of problems.
- ✓ Another area Pat worked on was Parish Social Life. During the past year Pat has worked with the Building Committee for the new rectory and parish center. She has also worked with Barbara Bozeman on the Flea Market.
- ✓ Pat summarized the year as a profitable one.

Spiritual Life and Worship:

Joanne Murphy

- ✓ Joanne was present to assist the new Committee Chair. She did not have anything to report.

Christian Services Committee:

Frank Dorrico

- ✓ Frank was absent and no reports were received.

New Business:

- ✓ Father passed out the Constitution and Mission Statement of the Council. He covered both and explained the goals for each Committee.
- ✓ We proceeded on to the selection of Committee Chairs. This included open discussions to assist in selection. The new Committee Chairs are as follows:]
 - Pat Murphy – Christian Education and Formation
 - Paul Valeri – Administrative Services
 - Donna Strosser – Parish and Community Life
 - Rocco Colucci – Spiritual Life and Worship
 - Janice Rudisill – Christian Services

New Business Continued:

- ✓ Next was the selection of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will remain the same as follows:
 - Kathleen Kelly – Chairperson
 - Ed DeVeaux – Vice Chairperson
 - Steve Crespo – Secretary
- ✓ Steve will update the member information list and have it ready for the new Council.
- ✓ The schedule of meetings for the new year will be as follows:

Full Council:	Sept 16, 2002	Oct 21, 2002
	Nov 18, 2002	Dec 16, 2002
	Jan 27, 2003	Feb 24, 2003
	(Due to holidays, Jan & Feb meetings will be on the 4 th Mon)	
	Mar 17, 2003	Apr 21, 2003
	May 19, 2003	Jun 16, 2003

The Executive Board is scheduled to meet on Monday, August 19, 2002 @ 7:00pm.

Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2002 @ 7:00pm.

Closing Prayer: Kathy Kelly

Respectfully submitted: Steve Crespo