

MINUTES
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING OF Oct 17, 2005

Council Members Present: Fr. Arrando, Mary McCormack,, Janice Rudisill, , Ed Smythe, Karen Conover

Council Members Absent: Dennis Rodney, Paul Valeri, Ross Rizzo

Others attending: Katie Sniffin, Mary Ann Houser, Denis Boufard, Carol Zinser

Opening Prayer: Fr. Arrando

This was the second meeting dedicated to understanding the roles and problems of the five ministries. Today we heard from the Christian Education and Faith Formation ministry whose members were invited by a special letter.

Once again Mary opened the meeting by asking each member in turn to speak their mind.

Mary Ann Houser: provided an overview describing the breadth of scope of the activities of this ministry. Services are provided for youth, Pre Cana, Sacrament programs, Lectionary and Crossroads.

Katie Sniffin, Lectionary:

The lectionary is doing well now that there are enough volunteers to handle the work load. Katie was complimentary about the quality of the volunteers also pointing out that Mrs Strosser and Mrs. Hellman handle pre-school to grade one while Mrs. Tracy handles grades two to six. The 1030 mass is best suited to everyone's schedule and the children are taken out for study and returned in time for communion. Having a dedicated space to conduct activities, as was envisioned in the parish hall part of the capital campaign, would greatly enhance the ability to perform this function.

When asked what the council could do for her she suggested having council members attend as guests/helpers as it can sometimes get busy with several youngsters and only a few adults.

Carol Zinser, Youth Group:

Due to its dynamic the Youth Group is always graduating one "class" and recruiting another. At a typical session there are between 15 and 20 young people out of a total mailing list of about 100. In general things are going well with this group, the only help immediately perceived was a need for dedicated space which would allow an expansion of the range and breadth of things that could be done. Father pointed out that we cannot use the basement for children due to fire regulations.

Denis Boufard, Pre Baptism:

Dennis could use one more couple to help. This would give him flexibility in dealing with schedule conflicts that the parents encounter. The council was asked to make some recommendations of qualified people.

Janice Rudisill, K-8:

This is doing fine, the books used are very good and she has enough catechists.

Mary Ann spoke again to request the council consider forming a committee, or a Board of Education, to help in long range planning.

Mary thanked all for their candid comments and the council will take them up in the next meeting which is Oct 24

Closing prayer was offered by Mary Ann