

Assumption Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday February 8, 2011

Father Mel opened with a prayer.

Roll was taken and the following members were present:

Phil Cordova, John Decker, Father Melvin Rusnak, Becky Baker-Hall, Anthony Delia, Charlotte Brafford, new member Cheryl Ramsey

Larry Daly and Patty Mikulin were excused.

Not present were Martha Holler, Jamie Steen, Marc Smothers, and Tim Stocker

A communication from the Diocese of Youngstown titled "Statement by the most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J. Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown on the occasion of the tragic shootings near the YSU Campus" was read by Father Mel.

Father Mel introduced the newest member of parish council Cheryl Ramsey. Cheryl has been appointed by Fr. Mel to replace Sheila Metcalf who had previously resigned. Cheryl introduced herself and presented the following information. She and her family moved to Geneva in 2004. Her sons Liam and Jack attended Assumption School. She taught Art at Assumption School and served as a classroom assistant for Mrs Woodward in the first grade. When Liam entered 2nd grade and began his journey to the sacraments Cheryl entered into RCIA at Assumption. She received the sacraments and joined Assumption the following spring. She has served as a Lector and is now hoping to serve Assumption in a greater role as a member of parish council. The members of parish council, in attendance, introduced themselves.

A discussion was held relating to how many members represent a quorum. After review of the by-laws it was determined that the council is made up of two (2) groups. General Membership (elected or appointed) and Ex-officio (pastor, deacon, school principal, and a representative of the parish finance council) with a present total of 13 members. Therefore, a minimum of seven (7) members is required to make a quorum.

A quorum was present so elections were held for a new President to replace Sheila Metcalf. John Decker was nominated and was elected by a vote of 7-0. As John was previously Secretary of council a new secretary was needed. Cheryl Ramsey was nominated and was elected by a vote of 7-0.

New council President: John Decker

New council Secretary: Cheryl Ramsey

Old Business: None

New Business:

Council discussed how to best represent the Vision 100 pledges and funds being taken in. Several ideas relating to a tree and the growth of it's foliage were discussed. The size and type of tree, the type of leaves and their color, using the trunk of the tree as a kind of a thermometer to gauge the progress of the growth along with the increase in the foliage as the pledges and dollars continue to come in and move us towards our financial goals.

Two (2) programs are presently being reviewed to help with the development of the parishes input into the Vision 100 Program. They are the "Dreams and Visions" Pastoral Planning Program and the "Appreciative Inquiry" Program. These items will continue to be discussed at the next council meeting.

Next meeting:

Thursday March 03, 2011. Council members need to be present at the next meeting and to be prepared to attend at least 2 meetings a month over the next several months as much needs to be resolved relative to the ongoing Vision 100 Program within the parish.