

**St. Paul's Church**  
**Parish Council Minutes**  
**June 29, 2010**

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**Attendees:** Joseph Riley, Craig Brown, Tony Ricci, Joan Herr, Lynda Ferris, Andy Drozd, Kathy Sledziona, Rick Platis, Carl Sturtevant, Mary Kerin, Mandy Rokicki, Debbie Myslinski  
Guest: Sherri Coia

**Meeting called to order:**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Welcome to Tony Ricci and Wendy Bunker**, new Parish Council members for 2010-2011

**Vote to accept May minutes** - Motion - Joe Riley  
second – Mandy Rokicki minutes approved

**Discussion about Diocesan Facilitated Conversations with other Parishes:**

Fr. Bob reported on the status of the meetings/conversations - "Work together as a Parish". Talks should resume in the Fall, giving Fr. Tormey at St. Joseph's (Lee) a chance to get situated in his new parish and become familiar with the facilitated conversation status.

**Andy Drozd** – reported on Choir's Holiday CD and the distribution which is suggested for November. Those in attendance were given a copy, invited to open it to see the professional packaging –it is barcoded and ready to go.

**Welcome to Sherri Coia**, new Parish Secretary.

**Joe Riley** – Discussion of Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting that he attended May 1<sup>st</sup>. Copies of the minutes were distributed. Joe indicated that the Bishop will want representation from every Parish at these meetings in the future.

**Kathy Sledziona, DRE** – Reported that a survey has been sent home to parents to determine if the faith formation meeting days, times, etc., may need to be changed. Kathy reported on input received from parents regarding scheduling conflicts with time and family schedules.

- Distributed of copy of the Faith Formation 2009-2010 report. 14 new families in the program.
- Discussion of Family Mass to receive the children in the Fall; more active Children's Choir and Children's Liturgy of the Word also being given on Sunday morning - give the children an opportunity to be an active participant with the church.

**Discussion of Parish Picnic on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.** – Fr. Bob indicated that we were going to use a caterer instead of an in-house cook like last year. Rick Platis has agreed to get some activities/games together for the event. A letter seeking volunteers will be put into the bulletin in August.

**Diocesan Increased Offering Drive** – Fr. Bob gave a brief synopsis of the proposed Diocesan-wide Offering planned for 2010 – 2011. Details are not specific at this point, but the Diocese will probably divided the parishes into blocks based on location and the effort will take 5 quarters to complete. Each Parish will pay the Diocese a fee for the materials that will be distributed to the parishioners. It will be similar to the increased offering drive that happened here at St. Paul's in 2005. The incentive behind a diocesan wide campaign is the overall costs of doing a drive like this are reduced because every parish in the diocese is included.

**The Parish Council meeting schedule** for next year along with a sign-up sheet for duties and responsibilities were passed around the table.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be Sept. 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm**

**Open Forum:**

- Video tapes available to borrow
- Consider various raffles for fundraising. Kathy Sledziona will report on raffle used at St. Joe's
- Applebee's Fundraiser – a date will be obtained to run a Parish Council Pancake Breakfast.
- The idea of the Boys Choir mentioned earlier in the year was brought up again. Fr. Bob will check into this.
- A bigger screen is suggested for video presentations during mass in the church.
- Check out Nooma.com (rain)
- Books available for summer reading

**CLOSING PRAYER: Group**

**Meeting adjourned: 9:40 pm**