

Saint Catherine of Siena RC Church
Parish Council Meeting

May 14, 2015, 7:30pm

Present

Pastor: Fr. Peter; Sister: Bernadette Weller

Chair: Gene Caulfield

Members: Buck, Dewing, DuBose, Smith, Holda, Verzaleno

Absent: Bailey, Somers, Abel

Opening Prayer: Council

Previous meetings minutes reviewed

Education attached

Readers 3 additional readers. Sister Bernadette will seek opinion of current readers re. wearing name tags

4/26 Communion Breakfast

- Dominick delightfully engaging speaker
- Next year, encourage more families to attend

Religious Ed Beginning in September, Sr Bernadette will offer *Rediscover Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly (Australian) on Thursdays 10:30-11:30am, a time which worked well for her recent group. Barbara Buck to consider leading an autumn evening session. Debra Dewing offered materials for a series on the Rosary. Will experiment with offerings and times, to present welcoming options.

Library Rocky French new librarian. *Rediscover Catholicism* book is in library.

Lazarus Society Fr Peter seeks parishioners to be greeters, lectors and altar servers for weekday funerals

Maintenance Leak on roof was minor and has been repaired.

New Business

Structure of Parish Council

- Discussed 3-year staggered term limits (with possibility of renewal) and council of approximately 12 members
- Discussed plan for future meetings to begin with brief review of prior meeting highlights followed by open session for any visitors before continued board session. Meetings to be publicized.
- Discussed placement of a photo of Parish Council on bulletin board and on website with names and contact information
- Goal is to broaden involvement and interest

Upcoming Events

- May 20 Women's annual dinner, collecting for JBWS
- May 27 Gerry Williams (retired Seton Hall professor) speaker. Physician Assisted Suicide subject

Next Steps

- Determine whether there exists a parish mission statement
- Seek from diocese any guidelines for Parish Council structure.
- Revisit ideas for 2015-2016 social functions
 - Autumn parish picnic on September 13th following noon mass to replace Labor Day event . It will be held in church parking lot
 - Pancake breakfast socials/fundraisers
 - Young child Easter egg hunt
- Set 2015-2016 meeting dates
- Revisit idea of letter of thanks to ushers, readers, those involved in other regular adult ministries who retire or move. Youth altar servers and ushers currently are recognized
- Decide whether to expand use of name tags to include readers

Next meeting June 10, 2015.