

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
JUNE 18, 2007**

Fr. Herb Lattis*
Kevin Mieczkowski, Chairman
Erik Evans*
Rich Geoghegan*
Mary Ellen Leis
Evelyn Becker, Secretary

Kevin Nuss*
Shannon Orton*
Sandy Schardein
Karen Siladi
David Such*

*absent

Also in attendance: John Underwood

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Kevin Mieczkowski at 7:15 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Led by John Underwood.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Kevin Mieczkowski noted that he has read the Parish Council bylaws and found that the chairman is to be elected at the July meeting. He agreed to serve as acting chairman until that meeting.

Mary Ellen Leis made a motion for Kevin to serve as acting chairman until the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Sandy Schardein and passed unanimously.

Fr. Herb was unable to attend tonight's meeting because he is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Fr. Bill Medley was unable to attend because of a prior commitment.

Committee Reports:

Youth Ministry: John Underwood reporting. Report attached.

- Attendance at Youth Group and GIFT programs has been low. We are uncertain of the reason for this.
- There are potentially 53 high school students who could choose to be confirmed next year. After much discussion, the consensus was for a Confirmation process next year open to all high school students.
- I am in favor of changing the process to where 6 or 7 of the Confirmation candidates meet with a catechist at homes. Two more catechists would be needed for this approach to be used.
- The Confirmation preparation program is not in the job description for the Youth Minister or for the Formation person. It has been a tradition for the Youth Minister to lead the Confirmation program.
- I will be moving to Ohio in August and will be leaving the job of Youth Minister.
- I suggest that a part time person be hired to oversee the Confirmation process. I will set up the calendar for Confirmation before I leave.
- I also suggest a part time person be hired to lead the Youth Groups, so that there is at least a social time on Sunday evenings.
- I will e-mail my recommendations for Confirmation and the Youth ministry to the secretary who will then forward it to the Parish Council members for approval.

- Announcements to sign up for Confirmation will be put in the Bulletins.

Liturgy & Music: David Zorn. Report attached.

Formation: Bob Sugrue. Report attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Council members:

- Karen Siladi has found a replacement for herself. She is Joan Shaw at 228-1844.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Council Bylaws:

- Kevin has read the amended bylaws of the Parish Council and found that we are not adhering to them.
- The bylaws call for the election of the chairperson and vice-chairperson at the meeting in July. For several years, we have not had a July meeting.
- The secretary also is to be selected at the July meeting.
- There are points in the bylaws that should be changed to agree with the way we operate or we should change to conform to the bylaws.
- In order to be in compliance with the bylaws as they stand, a meeting will be held on July 16 at 7 p.m.
- The bylaws also state that a member of the staff be present at all meetings. This would probably be Tina LaTulippe.

Parish Council Members:

- Kevin asked that the members who are completing their third year of service remain another year. The bylaws do not specify three year terms as an absolute.
- Those sitting on the Parish Council have an important mission to remain active in keeping TOOL's importance alive.
- This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to help form a new parish.

Closing Prayer: Mary Ellen Leis

Next meeting – July 16, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment: 9:55 p.m.

Evelyn Becker
Secretary