

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2009

**Present:** Fr. Neil Manternach, Bob Flood, Meg Deignan, Jim Harris, Jeni Head, Larry Lansing, Brenda Ort, Kirk Sadilek, Tracy Schloss, Paula Thornhill, Scott Zogg

**Excused:** Chad Pereboom, John Zlabek

**Called to order:**

The meeting was called to order by Bob Flood at 7:05 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:**

Led by Brenda Ort and Bob Flood.

**Inservice:**

Formation for the Sacraments

- Tricia Lokmer was present to discuss spiritual formation within our parish. She summarized the various preparations parishioners are involved with prior to receiving sacraments. She also discussed the value of incorporating spirituality into family routines.

Fr. Neil acknowledged his appreciation of Tricia and the other wonderful formation staff members.

**Discussion Items:**

Building Update

- Construction is going well! Marty and Loma Cutter were present and happily summarized the building progression. Ductwork, plumbing and floor construction will begin in June. Steel erection is expected in July.

Loma discussed plaza features and themes including a Prayer Walk with milestone markers and eventually a statue of St. Elizabeth. Still planning on having etched glass doors. A tunnel will begin inside the building at the blessing rock and will run to the baptismal font. Currently researching crucifix choices that will work within our budget.

**Recommended Actions:**

Approval of Minutes

- There was a consensus to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

Social Concerns Budget Reallocation

- There was a consensus to reallocate money from Housing and Shelter and Urban Plunge to Kelly Atkins and to Catholic Charities.

**Committee Reports:**

Community Life by Chad Pereboom

- The Senior High Graduation Brunch was held on Sunday, May 17. It was a success and came in under budget.

St. Pius School Board of Education by Tracy Schloss –

- Parking lot construction still in progress.

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**Committee Reports: (Continued)**

Youth by Meg Deignan –

- Thirty people are signed up for NCYC. Meg suggests we put together fundraisers. Many families cannot afford the cost of the trip. Fr. Neil is hoping the golf outing will help cover expenses.

Pastor's Report by Fr. Neil Manternach -

- Dennis Mulherin will be ordained on July 11, 2009. This will involve some changes for liturgical ministers to understand the role of the Deacon in the parish. We will likely hold a simple reception to acknowledge his ordination.

There will be a pastoral planning process within our deanery for the next 5-10 years regarding priest resources and discussion of masses of convenience.

**Old Business:**

SEAS Fleas

- SEAS Fleas did not generate an interest with parishioners; Tracy suggests not doing it next year.

**New Business:**

Fundraising after masses

- Requests continue to come in to do fundraising after masses. It's been protocol to only allow fundraising that is directly related to the church. In the past we've worked with Scouts to allow popcorn and cookie sales, as well as allowed the Tootsie Roll drive.

Examples of recent requests: Flood relief wants to sell raffle tickets for a quilt; and Prairie Woods would like to sell tickets to a garden party. After a brief discussion it was decided to keep our policy to only allow fundraisers that are directly related to the church.

**Future Business:**

Next meeting will be held June 18, 2009. (Reminder that retiring council members should bring their notebooks to the meeting.)

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was closed with the *Our Father*.