

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Sept. 11, 2007**

**Meeting was called to order by:** Arnold Besier

**Opening prayer by:** Stephen Spear

**Guests:** Marcy Brenner, Rich Pitre

Arnold welcomed the new members and gave an overview of the Pastoral Council and its responsibilities.

**1. PARISH LIFE**

Brian Congleton reported that Dee Miskill will be taking over as the editor of the Gatherings. She has an extensive background in producing newsletters of many organizations. The Gatherings will continue with the same format in black & white and will not be a Cluster newsletter at this time.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Patti Michaud for her fine work over the last several years.

**2. FAITH FORMATION**

Joann Segovia questioned whether her budget was changed because of the hold on retreats and conferences for the youth. She explained that the teens were always asked to pay ½ of the cost except when this was not possible.

It was explained that it was not the intent of the council to stop people from going on retreats and conferences but, because of the budget deficit, to ask them to share in the cost. Arnold presented two forms that he created: (1. A request form to be used for travel, conference and retreat expense that would be presented to the Parish Council and (2. a form wherein the Parish Council could vote on the request.

**3. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Jean Sanborn talked about the recent Peace Fair in Brunswick and the peace poles that were decorated and given, for a donation, to some of the participants. She was not sure how much money was collected but did not think it covered the expenses. 3 of the 15 6' poles are left and she wanted to know if they could be put up at the church and that maybe the children could decorate them. The council requested her to write up a proposal, along with pictures, describing the reason for installing them and the proposed location sites. The proposal should be presented to the council at the next meeting.

Arnold had requested that all members bring to the table what they thought were the 3 most important items for the parish this year. They are as follows:

Clustering: How we will grow and what opportunities will be enhanced

More visibility in fiscal performance

Disciples in Mission: continue with present program and begin outreach

As we hire a cluster Business Manager have him in his first 6 mo. make recommendations on how we can save money. His hiring will probably add \$17-20,000 to our budget.

Make Family Groups more visible

More participation in the BAIC

Faith Formation should be at the forefront

Continue with DIM outreach

Address the budget deficit

Address the absence of the 18-40 year olds

Discuss Clustering re: sharing of staff and being creative

Communication

Family support

Budget

Get together w/people from other churches in our Cluster

Work on Habitat Project – money & participation

Outreach

Adult FF 18-40 year olds

Clustering plans – logistics

Arnold then asked what the Council thought were the 3 top items. After looking at the list it was decided that except for the Cluster responses all the other items fell under 3 categories.

1. Communication
2. Budget
3. Spiritual outreach

Arnold read some of the responses he got when the Council and the Commissions were asked their opinion of continuing with Common Leadership night. He proposed that the Chairs of all Commissions meet prior to the next Parish Council meeting. On Nov. 5 at 6 pm they will meet to discuss the Common Leadership meeting and to share information about their commissions.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

**Next meeting will be October 1 with Faith Formation being responsible for the prayer and refreshments.**