

Parish Council
May 12, 2008

Present: Susan Cass, Deb Tatto, Dan T., Luis, Damien, Jim Donato, Linda Fitzgerald,
Paula Carrell. Fr. Bernie

REPORT: Jr. High and High School Group – Parents Discussion on 5/4

Small, but enthusiastic and sophisticated group of participants/parents.
What can we do to engage this age group? More intellectual engagement/content.
Harvest their interest in contrariness and debate in this age group. Throw them into
applied ethics debates, such as “How do you make moral decisions in everyday life?”
Faith-in-action projects to engage this group. Spent about an hour and a half and all
parents volunteered to be part of a core committee.
Get together again in June with this as a working group. Gear up for Fall.
(Screening of volunteer instructors necessary.)
Possibility of connecting w Cal students to get involved.
→ MUST involve Frances in next meeting w the parents.

NEXT Survey follow-up: Social Service Discussion Group set for Sun 25.
Luis volunteered to help Paula facilitate.

WEB PAGE:

Council section of web page – in process. Hope to have up by end of May.
Content will include: Minutes, Summary of survey results, Basic description of who and
what Council is, Way to contact Council members.

RECRUITING NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS – 3 leaving (Susan, Paula & Damien)
Council’s focus should be the practical life of the community.

How does the Council relate to the staff? Unclear.

Who does set policy for the staff? Unclear.

Next Council:

- needs to take more steps towards better integrating students with parish
community.
- Need also, maybe, to better integrate staff with Council.

Review Nomination form:

- show Pastor as staff member who meets regularly w Council.
- Add to list of council’s attentions to include: hospitality & youth
- Allow for/invite submissions electronically
- Delete “working knowledge of parish and diocesan life”
- Eliminate space between essay questions to invite people to really invent their
own sense of how much they want to say.

Timeline for Recruitment process:

Invite out on May 24

Nominations due June 21

Discuss at July meeting – 14th

All meet in August (date to be set) – new and ongoing and outgoing.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Visitation from Paulist Central coming in Oct.

Council and Student Leadership will meet with the visiting Paulists.

Put Visitation on Agenda for discussion by Council at June meeting.

What do we want to say to them?

What do we want to ask them?

They will ask us: How might regionalization impact local Paulist ministry. (What is meant by “regionalization”?)

Is last Report on Newman available? **Bernie will find and share.**

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