

Newman Hall / Holy Spirit Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 10, 2010

Present: Fr. Bernard Campbell, Pastor; Deb Tatto, President; Richard Elliott, Rosemary Loughman, Maureen Hartmann, Eddie Crochetiere, Anthony Wright, David Hahn, Joseph Daniel, Jonathan De La Rosa

Guests: Ed Joseph, parishioner; Kim [? Last name] of Ecology Committee ; Mike McCoy and staff of Sun's Free Solar

Opening prayer led by Deb Tatto

Agenda for the evening

Solar Power Presentation

- Newman is starting to go green, and cutting electrical costs are part of the plan.
- Kevin Good, CEO of Sun's Free Solar*, a small vendor of solar power equipment and services, gave a powerpoint presentation on the benefits and technology of solar panel systems, followed by a question-and-answer session and explanation of several financing options.
- Should the parish wish to pursue negotiations with Sun's Free Solar, the company would do an onsite inspection of our facility followed up by a 23-page proposal.

*<http://www.sunsfreesolar.com/>

Parish Council membership recruitment for 2010-2011

- The parish council is seeking three new members for the upcoming year. Fr. Campbell presented a listing of the names of parishioners who have to this date expressed an interest in running. Current membership were encouraged to followup with personal contacts and to seek other potential candidates. Recruitment deadline is June 30.
- We are happy to report that we already have two new student council members, Joseph David and Jonathan De La Rosa.

Stewardship Committee

- The committee has been in contact with Dan Danielson, a consultant with Petrus*, a Catholic fund development organization, and has scheduled to meet with him on June 6 to discuss ideas to promote stewardship at Newman.

*<http://www2.petrusdevelopment.com>

Ecology Committee

- Maureen Hartmann, chairperson for the committee, reported that 5% of parish collections for the weekend of May 8/9 went to the Pachamama Alliance*, an advocacy group for empowerment of indigenous peoples of the Amazon region of Ecuador. Proceeds have been earmarked for the education of native women in prenatal care and hygiene. (?)
 - [Deb Tatto shared results of the composting workshop presented by the Ecology Center (Berkeley) at Newman.]
 - Next meeting of the committee: sometime in late August
- *<http://www.pachamama.org>

Ministry of Hospitality

- Suggestion Box - It had been decided at an earlier meeting that council membership would assume responsibility for checking the box regularly and relaying parishioners' ideas and comments to Fr. Campbell.
- To date, Richard Elliott has been doing this. Deb Tatto volunteered to monitor the suggestion box in June. David Hahn will do so in July.
- Hospitality Table - Richard Elliott has been gracing parishioners with this presence at the hospitality table after the 11:30 mass. Thanks to Richard for extending this service to the 11:30 mass.

Newman Website

- Newman has contracted with a professional web designer to upgrade the parish website. Details will be presented at the next council meeting.

Student Bulletin Board

- Ed Samaniego, CAL Architecture student, has been working with the Student Ministry Team in redesigning the student bulletin board that used to be located on the wall to the right as you enter the building. Plans are to relocate it to the area between the chapel doors and the front desk (where the Paulist mission statement is currently displayed).

Mark your calendar

- Next parish council meeting: Monday, June 14

Submitted by
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