

## 09/10/10 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Council met for dinner and orientation for new members. Michael Dalton, Michael King and Joe Burns were present as well as returning members Rosemary Loughman, Dora Henel, David Hahn, Richard Elliot and Bernard Campbell.

We spent some time getting to know one another around a wonderfully simple and delicious meal. The deserts were awesome.

Rich and David gave some overview of last year or so--David touching upon some wonderful initiatives of the council around prayer/adult education (Advent and Lenten series) and Richard more summarily underscoring the need for continuing COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE COUNCIL AND THE PARISH COMMUNITY and the need to "keep the good work going".

Bernie noted in his remarks the emphasis which a gathering of about 25 community people made this summer at a Friday night picnic gathering. "KEEP US CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER", stressing the importance of welcoming and greeting people before, during and after liturgy. Bernie underscored the need for continuing invitation for small groups. Rosemary later remarked that certainly a focus for some small grouping could very well address and invite participation from our rich, varied /diverse (nationally and linguistically) community. Gifts to be shared; sensitivities to be alert to.

Closely related to the above are twin themes of intimacy with God and outreach in justice/solidarity to and with others.

Finally he noted the developing Stewardship Committee and the parish need to take personal and communal responsibility for our MISSION and the means to do so. Financially we have for several years been operating at a deficit and we cannot continue to do so. Summed up perhaps: PEOPLE CENTERED, GOD CENTERED AND JUSTICE CENTERED.

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Rosemary said that the Council ought to decide on two or three themes/Actions for the year. Joe Burns felt that one of those actions ought to be The parish web page. General agreement that we should move towards that focus. Recommended that all take a gander at our Web Page for Council Role/ Function and also Survey done in 2008. (The international conversation/ intercultural listening was a prized recommendation of the survey).

We agreed to meet Thursday October 14th at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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