

... and Justice for All  
Sunday, September 21, 2014

Present: Mary Yanko; Carolyn Varner, Annie Burris, Greg Sain, Larry Furman  
Minutes from the May and August meetings were approved as emailed.

General Session

Discussion regarding the Parish Council 'ad hoc committee' to define the purpose of the weekly bulletin and propose policy to adhere to copyright laws:

Mary reported on her participation of the meeting to define the purpose of the weekly bulletin.

Documentation of the meeting was distributed to the members, as was a letter from Mary to Fr. V. regarding the demeanor of the meeting. These papers were sent to Fr. V., Candy Bates, Sara Beis, along with a recommendation to read Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish before discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting. It appears the 'ad hoc committee' is planning to define the purpose of the bulletin as solely informational; consequently the weekly Social Justice column will no longer be in the bulletin. Copyright issues were a serious concern to Fr. V. and the council, the cut and paste format was questioned. The group shared their passions and emotions regarding the bulletin issue. The group discussed the obligation and duty to share Catholic Social Teaching and the frustration of being 'silenced' in the bulletin. A "Purpose Statement" will be formulated and sent to Parish Council before their meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

In light of the discussion Larry continued the study of the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Joy of the Gospel, paragraphs 160-175

- All Catholics including priests have a duty to be educated and to evangelize.
- The heart of the gospel values is love (and respect) for one's neighbors.
- It is an obligation to form a 'right' conscious
- Fundamental to our faith is 'kerygma', the apostolic proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ
- #165 "all of this demands on the part of the evangelizer certain attitudes which foster openness to the message: approachability, readiness for dialogue, patience, a warmth and welcome which is non-judgmental."
- An important area of evangelization is use of the "arts as a means to touching the heart"
- We are on a journey together and must be open to those we travel with; we are constantly in need of education and prayerful understanding to give authentic witness to the Gospel in our daily lives.

Ongoing Projects

Faith Lodge: September 25<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Karla J. Bellinger, "Connecting Pulpit and Pew"

October 23: Judge John P. Quinn: "Community and the Common Good."

Donut Sunday will be hosted by "...and Justice for All" on Oct. 5

New Business

El Salvador Mission: the group offered Larry prayerful support for his trip. Larry will report on his experience at the next meeting.

Greg proposed a discussion on outreach projects for the group. This will be addressed at the October meeting

The next meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer & Treat: Carolyn

The Joy of the Gospel: Chapter IV: I. Communal and Societal Repercussions of the Kerygma. Para # 176-185: discussion leader: Mary Yanko

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned approximately at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Yanko