

Milwaukee Archdiocese Priests Alliance
Convening Board Minutes
November 8, 2006

Present: Dick Aiken, Steve Avella, Bill Burkert, Dave Cooper, Ken Mich, and Phil Reifenberg.

Excused: Dick Schlenker, Mike Barrett

Prayer: We shared the Gospel of the coming Sunday and reflected on its meaning.

September minutes were approved as printed

Treasurer's Report: Dick Aiken reported that we have \$5,202.63 on hand and currently there are 140 members.

Business Agenda:

Since the national elections had just taken place we spent time giving our reactions to all that had transpired. We noted the Democratic victory; but the fact that neither referenda went as we had hoped. The Death Penalty reinstatement passed by a wide margin of favor; and the Marriage Amendment by a smaller margin – but still it passed. We tried to come to terms with all of this and what it might mean and how we might respond.

We decided to wait for the elections to replace Chuck Schramm. Bill Burkert got the ball rolling for preparing and sending out nominations. We need to elect 3 people for a three-year term and we need to replace Chuck Schramm who has two years remaining.

We spent the remainder of the meeting discussing the plight of our brothers in Madison. We debated making contact and offering our assistance. Finally we agreed that while it would be inappropriate to do anything publicly or even as a group; we decided that we would call a few of the priests to ask what they are thinking and feeling, and if there might be any way in which we could be of assistance.

The next meeting is set for December 4th at 10:00 AM at St. Matthias Office.

Respectfully submitted:
Dave Cooper