

Saint William Parish Council Minutes of April 14, 2011 Meeting

Present: Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, Greg Johnson, John Kennedy, John Kendellen, Mary McNulty, Anne Mraz, Dick Roe, Jeff Roubik, and Paul Seifert

Excused: Luanne Corcoran, Tim Ellis, Erik Engdahl, Ann Kremel, Joyce Pindel, Marcia Slowinski

Guests: Mike Hansen, Peter Patrick Kimini

John Kennedy called the meeting to order. Tina Hannaman led the group in prayer and then all said the mission statement together.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Dick Roe moved that they be approved as printed; Paul Seifert seconded and the council agreed by voice vote.

Parishioner comments: Paul Seifert had been asked by a parishioner if the youth could do mission work locally. Fr. Curt said the junior high students do local mission work while the high school youth go out of town. The archdiocesan "Reach Out, Reach In" week which is local and occurs in August was also mentioned.

Pastor's report: (Moved to this point so that Mike Hansen could leave if he chose.) Fr. Curt said that he feels strongly that we should have a vision for the parish, even with Vision 21. He asked if we know the congregation and are aware of their needs? Mike Hansen then spoke about his experience in sales and marketing including adjunct teaching at Cardinal Stritch University. He had been surveyed by the Archdiocese and that sparked his interest in a different form of volunteering. He and Fr. Curt had conversation about what he could bring to the parish. He said he was willing to work with the council to take the pulse of the parishioners. There was a great deal of dialogue with the result that the council agreed they would like to work with Mr. Hansen. Fr. Curt asked for a council volunteer to work on that ad hoc group; Anne Mraz did volunteer to help formulate what the process would be. John Kennedy thanked Mike Hansen for coming with his proposal.

Fr. Curt continued his report by speaking of the all-city staff meeting on 4/12 which he felt was fruitful. There will be an all-city staff day of reflection on 8/11/11. He said that 5 or 6 women had agreed to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday celebration and he was looking for some men - from the council.

Under committee reports:

Prayer and worship had not met since the last council meeting.

Christian formation: John Kendellen said the sacramental season was upon us. He reported that many of the formational sessions are now completed. The parish is looking for a new youth ministry assistant. The youth minister is working on Theology on Tap and looking at the archdiocesan guidelines for social networking. The men's breakfast on 4/3 had 31 attendees. There are several summer events scheduled.

Human concerns: Paul Seifert said they had not met but would be meeting on 5/17. He then presented the outreach recommendations for April, which will be the last of this fiscal year.

There were some questions. Mary McNulty moved they be accepted as printed; Jeff Roubik seconded and the council accepted them by voice vote.

John Kennedy raised the question of a quorum at this point. The council was one member short of that. It was agreed that those not present could respond by email to those items that needed approval. Paul Seifert agreed to send that email.

Finance/administrative services: Tina Hannaman said they had not met since the last council meeting. Marcia Slowinski had left copies of the March comparative financial statement which the council then perused. Tina commented that contributions were less “down” than in February.

Human resources: Dick Roe said they had not met.

Liaison report:

Waukesha Catholic: Jeff Roubik said they had not met since the last council meeting.

Old business:

Vision 21: Greg Johnson distributed an article that would go in all four parishes’ bulletins the same week in May. The committee has decided to focus on one area at a time. Mary McNulty said they would be starting with the human concerns area and approaching staff to list what is being done in each parish, where there is overlap and what could be done together. The committee will also look at census data. John Kendellen and Greg added to the conversation of the perspective and work of the committee. The committee is looking for an all-city parish council gathering. There was some dialogue with the council.

Third source funding: no report

Raffle: Anne Mraz said the tickets were out and they are looking for people to do “pulpit” announcements.

Nominating committee: John Kennedy and Jeff Roubik reported that that committee had gathered names, held two orientations and were waiting for biographies. There are 8 potential candidates at this point. They are deciding on how to print the pictures; Jeff sent around three different examples. The biographies will be in the bulletin the weekend of May 15; voting will be the first weekend in June. The committee is talking about how to simplify that process.

New business:

Fall morning/day of reflection: John Kennedy said that the executive committee would like the council to consider a full day. Fr. Curt had suggested Fr. Doug Leonhardt (one of the parish’s weekend help outs,) who is a seasoned retreat leader, to focus on “Finding God in All Things.” Father asked if the 2nd weekend in September were possible. Another question is whether this should be suggested as an all-city parish council event. After discussion of those possibilities, the council asked if the Vision 21 committee could suggest that all the parishes’ retreats be on the same day but separate this year and that all the councils gather on the Friday night before for a social (which one parish already does.) The council members agreed that Fr. Curt’s suggestions of leader, topic and time were fine. Father then said that he would like to have the council members’ installation at the 5 PM Mass on that same day.

Other business: Fr. Curt said that he would like the council to evaluate the past year and set goals for next year at the May meeting.

John Kennedy asked for a motion to adjourn; Dick Roe so moved, Anne Mraz seconded and

the council agreed by voice vote.

The meeting closed with prayer.

recorded by Pat Knuth