

## **Saint William Parish Council meeting of August 19, 2010**

Present: Luanne Corcoran, Erik Engdahl, Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, Greg Johnson, John Kennedy, Ann Kremel, Mary McNulty, Anne Mraz, Dick Roe, Paul Seifert and Marcia Slowinski

Excused: John Kendellen, Fr. Jason Lavann, Jeff Roubik

Absent: Joyce Pindel

John Kennedy opened the meeting. Fr. Curt led the group in prayer; then all proclaimed the mission statement together.

The *minutes* of the June meeting were reviewed. Ann Kremel moved they be accepted as printed, Tina Hannaman seconded and the group agreed by voice vote.

There were no parishioner comments.

Committee reports:

No committees had met since the June meeting.

Marcia Slowinski distributed the end of the fiscal year report. The year did end in the black with contributions down slightly from the previous year (July 2008-June 2009.) Overall, envelope income has been flat over the last couple of years. Marcia Slowinski raised some concern about that and conversation ensued.

*Liaison reports:*

Youth - John Kennedy said there is no appointment as yet and the council went the whole of the previous year without a youth representative. Youth ministry states there are several issues and John Kennedy said he is looking for a reasonable compromise which may include more than one student serving. There was conversation and the consensus was that the council wants this position filled.

Waukesha Catholic - Fr. Curt reported that the enrollment is above expectations with 677 or 678 students currently enrolled, ahead of the 665 projected. That board talked about development dollars which are lagging even though the auction itself was a wonderful success. The system has upgraded its libraries and is trying to find a home for the Seton tournament since the facilities used in the past are not available this year.

Under *old business*:

. Vision 21 - Fr. Curt said that there had been an all-staff meeting for the Waukesha parishes on August 10. The results of the brainstorming at that session are being collated and then will be correlated with those from the councils. Like groups among the staffs are encouraged to meet regularly. All staffs are being encouraged to attend a 10/28 workshop facilitated by Sr. Katarina Schuth OSF on the functioning of staffs in collaborating parishes. The priests continue to meet and are currently focusing on the school ministry. This school year, the presiders at the school Masses will rotate among the five of them and the three campuses. Fr. Curt continued by saying that "what is the next step?" will be on a future agenda. The priests themselves believe there is a two year window to come up with a plan. Vision 21 will

continue to be an agenda item.

. Morning of reflection - John Kennedy said that this event would be on 9/25 from 8:30-noon in the Weakland Room with Mike Witte as facilitator. The focus will be on how Scripture informs Church leadership in times of change. John Kennedy will work with a couple of council members to provide a light breakfast.

. Raffle results - Anne Mraz said that the income was \$24,360 with just under \$900 in expenses. The net is about the same as last year.

Under *new business*:

. Contact information - John Kennedy asked that each member verify his/her information.

. Prayer schedule signup - John Kennedy distributed a sheet for individuals to lead prayer at each of the meetings; that sheet was completed.

. Public commissioning? - John Kennedy raised the question of whether the council should be commissioned at a weekend Mass. In the past, the commissioning has been done at the first meeting of the new council year. This led to a discussion about visibility of council members and some means of individual identification. It was agreed that each council member would receive a name tag (Tina Hannaman will look into obtaining those) and that the council would consider being at a table each hospitality Sunday to interact with parishioners. After that discussion, the council agreed that a public commissioning would happen. It will either be on 9/19 at the 9 AM Mass or on 9/25 at the 5 PM Mass.

. Tone for the year (next step as a council) - John Kennedy asked "What do we want to accomplish as a council in this year?" adding that it needed to be measurable. He suggested that council members think about this and that discussion occur at the September meeting. It is also possible that the council could determine where the parish is currently and the next council could set goals. A format that would narrow or focus the field seems necessary.

. Ministry fair - Fr. Curt said this event will happen on October 23/24 and will be staff-coordinated. The goal is to have every household in the parish engaged in at least one activity. He envisions many tables with specific needs outlined. Contacts of volunteers need to be made immediately afterward.

. Reports from committee chairs - John Kennedy stated that the chair of each standing committee of the council would be scheduled to come once a year to report on that group's work. He suggested that the liaisons help determine what timing would be best for the committee with which they work.

. 3<sup>rd</sup> source funding - Marcia Slowinski had initiated this conversation at the June meeting. She stated that envelopes, interest and fees alone will not generate enough income to meet expenses. The previous discussion had revolved around a unique fund raiser/community builder for St. William's that would generate increasing amounts of revenue. Conversation followed. It was agreed that fund raising is the primary goal of such an event. It was suggested that the finance/administrative services committee needs to come up with a monetary goal. It may be best to draw up a subgroup for this project. There will be further discussion at the September meeting.

During the *pastor's report*, Fr. Curt said:

- . St William's hosted an outreach camp for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders that involved four parishes and 60 youth. They provided a wide range of services in the community.
- . The staff day on 8/12 featured Pat Russell as facilitator, focused on ministry and went well.
- . The roof is "a train wreck" but is progressing. It will likely be completed by mid-October.
- . The parish picnic is 8/29 - be there!
- . Rich Gronquist who has headed the ushers for some years has resigned; Dennis Meyer will be the new head usher. The ushers will have a formation evening on 9/23.
- . St William's has been asked to be a teaching parish for a seminarian who will spend 4 years working primarily with the staff to learn about parish life. Peter Kimani, who is a native of Kenya, will begin this fall. Fr. Curt has selected a team to work with him throughout the process.

Under *other business*:

- . Faith in Our Future - Pat Knuth, follow-up chair, presented a six months' update on the status of contributions. Fr. Curt has sent 320 thank you notes to those who have completed their pledges. As more do so, he will continue to send cards. The only expenses since February has been the printing of those cards. The total in hand, as of 8/9, is \$281,954.03.

There being no other business, the council adjourned by praying the Our Father together.

recorded by Pat Knuth  
beginning her 10<sup>th</sup> year