

Saint William Parish Council Minutes of February 18, 2010

Present: Luanne Corcoran, Tom Dougherty, Erik Engdahl, Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, Mike Hoge, John Kennedy, Ann Kremel, Fr. Jason Lavann, Anne Mraz, Joyce Pindel, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert and Sue Sieger

Excused: John Kendellen and Marcia Slowinski

Mike Hoge called the meeting to order. Tom Dougherty led prayer and then all said the parish mission statement together.

Mike Hoge welcomed Erik Engdahl, who agreed to fill the two years remaining on Mary Thiel's term. The council concurred in that welcome.

Under parishioner comments, Sue Sieger had been asked by an acquaintance where he might attend Ash Wednesday Mass; she sent him to St William's 9 AM Mass. The following day, he said he really liked the spirit of the celebration. Ann Kremel had been asked if the mini-collections, sponsored by the outreach committee, would be asking for regular size shampoos. The response was that would be coming and Tom Dougherty added that SVDP can always use those products for their clients.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Paul Seifert moved that they be accepted as printed; John Kennedy seconded and the council agreed by voice vote.

During committee reports:

Prayer and worship: Anne Mraz said there would be no meeting until April.

Christian formation: no report

Human concerns: Sue Sieger reported that they had a short meeting to confirm the details for the Lenten service projects; they will next meet in May. Sue then presented the outreach recommendations for the month. Fr. Jason moved they be accepted as presented; Sue Sieger seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Finance/administrative services: Luanne Corcoran reported that the committee had met twice since the last council meeting. The roof project needed to be re-bid since the bids were not "apples to apples." There are now 5 in hand plus two for the electrical work. The committee spent one meeting familiarizing themselves with the financial reports and recommended some changes. They have also worked on the budget for the next fiscal year. They are projecting a 2.5% increase in income, which is conservatively the trend in this parish. They determined a 1% increase for employees and will need to draw from reserves (approximately \$18,000) in order to meet the anticipated expenses. The issue creating this draw is the increase in both the archdiocesan and Waukesha Catholic assessments.

The council then looked at the December comparative financial reports, sent by Marcia Slowinski. In the remarks she sent to Mike Hoge, she noted that contributions continue to be ahead of last year and that expenses, although increased, were under control.

Human resources: Fr. Jason said there was nothing new to report; they continue to work on the employee handbook and will next meet the end of March.

Under liaison reports:

Youth - no report

Waukesha Catholic: Jeff Roubik said they had not met. There were questions about the assessment for parishes, including whether all the parishes will be participating in the increase. It is not yet clear. Fr. Jason said another help to that budget would be enrollment above the projected figure.

Under old business:

Roof: Fr. Curt said the work had begun on vetting the new bids and awarding the work. The project will be paid for out of existing reserve funds.

Constitution/bylaws: Luanne Corcoran said that some changes had been caught in a review after the last council meeting. There was some discussion by the council and the process was tabled. Members of the ad hoc committee planned to meet right after this council meeting.

Council vacancy: As noted, Erik Engdahl has accepted the position left vacant by Mary Thiel's resignation. Sue Sieger has become the council liaison to the human concerns committee.

2010 raffle: Anne Mraz said the process would begin the weekend after Easter with the drawing held on June 20 at an ice cream social. Asked about the prizes, she listed them for the council and noted that nearly all of them had been donated.

Nominating committee: Sue Sieger said the committee had met, drawn up a list of possible candidates and have had a good response so far. The election will be the first weekend in June.

Vision 21: Fr. Curt said the Waukesha parish priests had met 2/16 and want to wait to give St. Mary's time to catch its breath since their pastor was transferred in January and their pastoral associate is leaving this year. That parish has not addressed Vision 21 since its last council meeting was devoted to the archdiocesan consultation for a new pastor. Erik Engdahl asked what Vision 21 was; Mike Hoge and other council members filled him in. There was some discussion.

Faith in Our Future: Pat Knuth had asked for this to be added to the agenda. As follow-up chair for this campaign, she presented a report of income and expenses through January 31. There was some discussion.

Under new business;

Parish raffle 2011: Fr. Curt said he had found several marketing professionals in the parish but after the ease of the process for this year's raffle, he has not approached anyone. There was some discussion and the creation of a committee was tabled for now.

Staff/council social: Fr. Curt suggested this at the executive committee. Mike Hoge pointed out that the holiday evening at the rectory was the first social event combining staff and council. The two groups previously had come together each year for a morning of reflection. There was some discussion and Fr. Curt said he wanted to try it. Late June was suggested as a possibility.

Eucharistic ministers: Joyce Pindel informed the council that there would be a formational evening for these parish ministers on April 20.

Pastor's report:

- . He thanked the council and everyone who contributed the more \$18,000 collected for Haiti relief.
- . The local St. Vincent de Paul conference will be the parish's Lenten charity with regular reflections on the corporal works of mercy in the bulletin.
- . He distributed a directive from the Archdiocese which now mandates an annual financial review for parishes with income of more than \$750,000 (less frequent reviews are mandated for smaller parishes.) Because the parish had had a procedural review, much of the detail has been addressed and more will be before the review team comes. There was some discussion.

Other business:

Jeff Roubik asked for a prayer volunteer for the March meeting since it was to be Mary Thiel; John Kennedy volunteered.

Sue Sieger moved that the meeting be adjourned; several seconded and the council agreed. The meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father.

recorded by Pat Knuth