

# St. William Parish Council

## Minutes of February 17, 2011 meeting

Present: Luanne Corcoran, Tim Ellis, Erik Engdahl, Fr. Curt Frederick (after vigil service,) Tina Hannaman, Greg Johnson, John Kennedy, John Kendellen, Ann Kremel, Mary McNulty, Anne Mraz, Joyce Pindel, Dick Roe, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert and Marcia Slowinski

Guest: Peter P. Kimani

John Kennedy called the meeting to order. Ann Kremel led the group in prayer and then all said the parish mission statement together.

The *minutes* of the January meeting were reviewed. Marcia Slowinski moved they be accepted as printed; Ann Kremel seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Under *parishioner comments*, John Kennedy said that the CALL session presented on 2/13 that focused on liturgical music was wonderful. Several council members concurred and remarked on the excellent work of Charlotte Villwock, the adult choir and the men's choir as well as Kay Hokans and the children's choir.

During committee reports:

*Prayer & worship:* Joyce Pindel said they had not met since the last council meeting. She reported that several people stepped forward to be Eucharistic ministers at the 10:45 Mass after an appeal.

*Christian formation:* John Kendellen reported on their last meeting where the committee heard that the city-wide marriage ministry has drawn 2 couples from each parish and that the city-wide women's and men's ministries are doing well. There have been retreats at all grade levels for youth ministry - each included some students from St. Mary's as well. Living stations will happen again and be directed by a college student is a "grad" of that event. Youth ministry collected 547 pairs of socks for the Hope Center. Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, a process for children experiencing grief/crisis, will be the Lenten charity this year. The committee itself continues to work on goals for the coming year.

*Human concerns:* Paul Seifert spoke of their 2/15 meeting where they evaluated the ministry fair in respect to their work. They will continue to offer opportunities to one ministry to recruit volunteers every hospitality weekend. He said the Lenten projects board (for volunteering families and individuals) will be up the third weekend in February. The committee is working on clarifying its work with the premise that they serve as an umbrella committee for many groups.

*Finance/administrative services:* Luanne Corcoran said that the committee spent much time at its last meeting discussing the effects of the letter sent to all parishioners about the need for increased contributions. When they meet next in early March, they will work on the next fiscal year's budget. They will be at the February hospitality weekend to field any questions parishioners have about the needs to meet the current budget. There was council input at this point about the parish's financial status.

Marcia Slowinski then presented the January comparative financial report, noting that the parish is in the black although contributions are lagging last year. She said that maintenance expenditures were significantly lower, which helped the bottom line.

*Human resources:* Dick Roe reported on their 2/3 meeting. The 4 Waukesha parishes are willing to work together on exploring disability insurance, both short and long term, for employees. Further discussion by the committee is pending.

Liaison report:

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

During old business:

*Vision 21:* Greg Johnson reported on their last meeting. John Kendellen has been chosen chair of that group. They are still gathering information. They heard histories of the four parishes. He suggested that at another council meeting, an agenda item be discussion of what the council sees coming out of this initiative. There was some council discussion. Mary McNulty expanded on that request. Fr. Curt emphasized that relationships were the first goal. In more discussion by the council, two questions came up: "What is the concept of Waukesha parishes in 2015?" and "How will communication be handled to parishioners?"

*Investment Policy Statement:* Luanne Corcoran stated that the goal of the policy is to give some direction to how the parish will invest its monies, both short and long term. Currently all of these funds are in either CD's or money market accounts. John Kennedy opened up the discussion to the council; that discussion was wide-ranging. John Kennedy then moved that the policy be sent back to committee for clarifications; Erik Engdahl seconded. There was more discussion. A voice vote was then taken, with no voiced dissent, that returned the policy to committee.

*Third source funding:* Marcia Slowinski listed the members of this ad hoc committee - Connie Rubis, Sue Sieger, Sue Nettlesheim, Pat Knuth and herself - and said that their major considerations were timing and strategy. They have moved back the timeline for some events based on input so both the sale of wine & chocolate (November) and the spaghetti supper (January/February) will be in the fall/winter. Spirit wear sales are in progress, with orders due 2/20. The pig roast is scheduled for 6/26. The twin goals are fund raising and community spirit. In discussion, the question was raised about a possible conflict between the pig roast and St. Mary's festival. Marcia said that would be checked out.

Under new business:

*Nominating committee:* John Kennedy asked for volunteers and Jeff Roubik explained the function of that group. The terms of Luanne Corcoran, Tina Hannaman (trustee,) Ann Kremel, Anne Mraz and Paul Seifert are "up" but all are eligible to serve a second term. John Kennedy, Jeff Roubik and Joyce Pindel volunteered for the committee and will serve with Fr. Curt.

*Faith in Our Future Case Statement:* John Kennedy deferred to Pat Knuth, who is the follow up chair for this campaign. She reminded the council that the parish has spent all of the funds in the original statement, except for about \$11,000 still committed to Christian formation. There is approximately \$200,000 in this restricted account and the council must choose how that should be spent. The funds do not all need to be spent at once and have no sunset clause. Fr. Curt stated that since the original statement covered three areas - school, religious education and liturgy, the future expenditures must stay within those areas. There was much discussion. Some ideas put forward were textbooks for the school system,

laptops for students, white boards for the classrooms, setting up wireless connections in the school and purchasing "pew cards" for the new responses in the liturgy effective the First Sunday of Advent.

*Raffle committee:* Anne Mraz said that committee had met just before the council meeting and had come up with 5 items for the prizes, much the same as last year. Because virtually everything is donated, just \$800 would be pulled from the proceeds. Joyce Pindel added more information and asked for more ideas. The drawing would be done at the pig roast. There was discussion by the council.

*Mass changes:* Fr. Curt said these changes in the liturgy would begin on the First Sunday in Advent this year. There is a city-wide committee working on the process. There will be Mass Class II on March 12 at St. William from 9-10:30 AM which the staffs and parish leaders are expected to attend. Mass Class III will be on April 2 at St. Mary for the same groups.

Sessions for parishioners will be offered in the fall.

*Scheduling committee chairs for future council meetings:* John Kennedy asked the liaisons to finance/administrative services and prayer & worship to find dates when those chairs could come to the council.

During the pastor's report: Fr. Curt said that Peter Patrick Kimani, seminary student, will be coming to council meetings this semester as well as working with liturgical leaders. He spoke about Cindy Bergland leaving the adult & family position as of Easter to become a program director for Interfaith Senior Programs/Waukesha. He has appointed a search committee and placed an ad for the position with acceptance of resumes through March 15. He hopes to have a new hire in place by May 1. He also said that at the priests' council meeting that he had attended earlier in the day, Archbishop ListECKI had spoken about the possibility of creating separate finance councils in parishes.

Under other business:

Erik Engdahl asked if an announcement of the council meeting could be made at Masses the weekend before. It was agreed that was possible.

Jeff Roubik offered to defer sharing the results of the survey he had taken until after the meeting; John Kennedy thanked him for that.

The council adjourned by praying the Our Father together.

recorded by Pat Knuth