

*Saint William Parish Council
minutes of January 21, 2010 meeting*

Present: Luanne Corcoran, Tom Dougherty, Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, John Kendellen, Ann Kremel, Fr. Jason Lavann, Anne Mraz, Joyce Pindel, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert, Sue Sieger and Marcia Slowinski

Excused: Mike Hoge, John Kennedy and Mary Thiel (resigned; see new business)

Guest: Doug Byers

In the absence of the chairperson and vice-chairperson, Jeff Roubik (secretary) called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Luanne Corcoran; then the council said the mission statement together.

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Ann Kremel moved to accept them as printed, Tom Dougherty seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Under parishioner comments, there was good feedback about the celebration at St William's for Archbishop ListECKi.

Committee reports:

Prayer and worship: Anne Mraz reported on their January meeting. Comments from parishioners were that the music at the Archbishop's Mass was excellent. The committee heard reports about the various liturgical ministries and about the Vision 21 meeting with the four Waukesha parish councils the previous evening. The committee accepted the proposed guidelines for this group worked on at their previous meeting. They also discussed Lent. They next meet in April.

Christian formation: John Kendellen said that the majority of their January meeting explored what effect the change in the public school system which moves 6th grade to middle school would or should have on the configuration of Christian formation in the parish. They had two guests from the public school system, both of whom are involved in their home parishes. The committee decided not to change the configuration but will explore service projects that involve 6th graders with the 7th and 8th grade students. The council had some questions.

Human concerns: Sue Sieger reported on their 1/19 meeting. They reviewed the fair trade weekend here. Blest Art wanted to be the only vendor and the committee decided not to do that. There was some discussion by the council at this point. Sue further reported that the committee would be developing service opportunities for families during Lent. The outreach recommendations were then presented. Sue Sieger moved that they be accepted as printed, Paul Seifert seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Finance/administrative services: Luanne Corcoran said there was no report. Marcia Slowinski then presented the November comparative financial statements. She remarked that expenses were greater than revenues at this point, primarily because of payment of assessments. She also noted that contributions overall were up 7.5% against last year at the same time. She told the council that the trustees, Fr. Curt and Kathy Maday had discussed

bringing the accounting in-house with a projected savings of about \$10,000. There were some questions about the financial report.

Liaison reports:

Youth: no report.

Waukesha Catholic: Fr. Jason reported on their January meeting where they have begun work on the next fiscal year's budget. They are making an effort to bridge the gap between proposed expenses and income. One of those efforts would increase the parish subsidy by 2%; there would also be a small percentage of increase in tuition. The next budget will be based on an enrollment of 669 students. There are 700 this year but both the public school system and Waukesha Catholic have seen declining enrollments. They had to remove more than \$93,000 from the endowment fund to cover last year's deficit but have since received an anonymous gift of \$125,000 for that fund. Fr. Jason noted that there is good cooperation between the parishes and the school board. He also spoke about the planning committee's good work including asking the right questions.

Old business:

Roof: Fr. Curt reported that the bids, from nine contractors, were due 1/22. It is possible that the whole roof will not need to be replaced. He will present the solution to the parishioners including how the project will be funded. A proxy from the Archdiocese will be needed because the expense will be in excess of \$30,000. He hopes the work will begin in April. There were some questions from the council.

Parish council constitution and by-laws: Luanne Corcoran said electronic copies would be sent to council members.

New business:

Vision 21: Fr. Curt, with input from several council members, reported on the gathering of the 4 Waukesha councils, referring members to the notes from that meeting. Ministry plans were reviewed as well as hopes & dreams/fears & concerns as the parishes work in tandem. Fr. Curt is looking to be pro-active, not waiting for the archdiocese to tell the Waukesha parishes what to do. The question is "what next?" Tom Dougherty suggested creating a pilot committee with representation from the four parishes; the council agreed that would be a good step. There was considerable discussion.

Parish council vacancy: Because Mary Thiel has become the administrative assistant for adult and family ministry at St William's, she can no longer serve on the parish council. There are 2-1/2 years remaining of her term. Mike Hoge, as chairperson and in keeping in the parish council constitution, recommended three names to the council to fill that position. Those are Eric Engdahl, David LaBorde and Al Lukowitz, all of whom were on the last ballot for council. One will be asked at a time and if he declines, the next asked. Sue Sieger moved to accept that recommendation, Fr. Jason seconded and the council agreed by voice vote.

Parish raffle: Jeff Roubik asked Luanne Corcoran and Marcia Slowinski if they would chair this fund-raiser again; they were reluctant since they both have their heaviest workload in the spring. Marcia spoke about the recent history. The executive committee suggested that there be a committee for this year as well as a planning group for next year. There was much discussion and then Jeff asked again. Anne Mraz and Tom Dougherty volunteered; Ann

Kremel and Jeff said they would help. Fr. Curt will look for marketing professionals in the data base as a source for the planning group.

Morning of reflection: Jeff Roubik asked what the council would like to do. Fr. Curt said it would likely be only the council because staff members did not want to give up a Saturday morning. It was suggested that since last year was primarily a working session that this time it be more spiritually focused. After some discussion, the decision of the council was to postpone this event until fall.

Pastor's report:

Fr. Curt said 7 new households had registered so far this month, mostly coming from local parishes, which causes him some concern. He said parish programs were up and running and that on 1/28 the finance/ administrative services committee would begin working on pulling together the budget for the next fiscal year.

Other business:

Tech committee proposal: Jeff Roubik called the council's attention to the written report from this new committee which was prepared after review of the current parish systems. The committee itself will support IT internally. There were some questions.

Nominating committee: Jeff Roubik said it was time to draw this group together. Sue Sieger, Tom Dougherty and Mike Hoge will be completing six years on the council. John Kendellen is completing his first three year term and Marcia Slowinski's term as trustee will expire. Sue Sieger, Tom Dougherty and Jeff himself volunteered. Fr. Curt will meet with this group too.

There being no further business, the council closed the meeting by praying the Our Father.

recorded by Pat Knuth