

Saint William Parish Council

Minutes of June 16, 2011

Present: Luanne Corcoran (re-elected), Eric Engdahl, Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman (re-elected,) Greg Johnson, John Kennedy, John Kendellen, Ann Kremel (retiring), Anne Mraz (re-elected), Joyce Pindel, Dick Roe, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert (re-elected), Bill Serb (elected), Marcia Slowinski

Excused: Mary McNulty

Absent: Tim Ellis

After a potluck supper in the rectory, the council went to Vercelli House. There John Kennedy opened the meeting. Marcia Slowinski led the group in prayer and then all said the mission statement together.

The *May minutes were reviewed*. Greg Johnson moved that they be accepted as printed, many seconded including Anne Mraz and the council agreed by voice vote.

There were *no parishioner comments*.

Under *committee reports*, John Kennedy asked if there were any reports since he was aware that many committees had not met. Luanne Corcoran said that finance/administrative services committee spent their last meeting deciding on reinvestment of savings. Eric Engdahl said that the First Communion liturgies had gone well.

Marcia Slowinski then presented the May comparative financial reports. She was pleased to report that the parish continues in the black and that contributions show an increase over last year. She also remarked that expenses continue to be lower than in the previous fiscal year.

Under *liaison reports*, Jeff Roubik said he was not able to attend the most recent meeting of the Waukesha Catholic board and reminded the council that they would need a new representative. Fr. Curt asked that the position be filled immediately. After some discussion, Paul Seifert agreed to be that council representative.

During *old business*:

. Better Together/Vision 21: John Kendellen said the group would continue to meet during the summer. The "Day in My Shoes" is planned for 11/12/11. They will develop a goal/mission statement in July. On September 7, they will meet with the chairs of the human concerns committees of all four parishes to talk about what each does and where there are overlaps, gaps and obstacles.

. Pig Roast: Marcia Slowinski said it was a sell out at 482 tickets. After the event, the committee will begin to plan for next year. There were some questions and discussion by council members.

. Raffle: Anne Mraz said they are still selling tickets and will up to the drawing at 5 PM on Sunday, 6/19, which will occur at the pig roast. She asked for volunteers to sell tickets there and Bill Serb, John Kendellen and Tina Hannaman did volunteer. There was some discussion.

. Day of Reflection: John Kennedy said this would be an all day event on September 10 at Vercelli House with Fr. Doug Leonhardt as facilitator. He asked for council members to serve on an ad hoc group with Fr. Curt and himself to work out details; Dick Roe, John Kennedy and Eric Engdahl volunteered.

Under *new business*:

. Faith in Our Future: Pat Knuth, as chair of the follow up committee, told the council of the current status of the fund. She spoke about a letter received from Carolyn Caruso, director of Waukesha Catholic, which asked for \$100,000 to support a new math curriculum. She said the committee discussed the request and replied by letter to Mrs. Caruso that they would wait until the study currently underway in the school system is completed before considering such a request. Pat Knuth then presented a proposal to the council suggesting that a) \$6500 be granted to the St William campus for 3 sets of remotes to allow student interaction with the smart boards (there are currently four in the building and one will be added before fall) and b) \$1000 be set aside for formational materials about the changes in liturgy that will occur the First Sunday of Advent. After some discussion, Dick Roe moved that this proposal be accepted; Marcia Slowinski seconded and the council agreed by voice vote.

. Discernment of officers and committee liaisons. John Kennedy turned this process over to Pat Knuth. After prayer, the council discerned Jeff Roubik as chairperson, Anne Mraz as vice-chair and Paul Seifert as secretary for the coming year.

Joyce Pindel agreed to stay as liaison to prayer & worship, John Kendellen as liaison to Christian Formation, Luanne Corcoran as liaison to finance/administrative services and Dick Roe as liaison to human resources. John Kennedy agreed to be the new liaison to human concerns. There was some discussion about the status of the IT committee with no immediate conclusion.

During the *pastor's report*, Fr. Curt thanked all those willing to accept positions. He reminded the council that next year there would be a shift to finance council as well as the parish council. He asked that the council continue to work to develop goals - the brainstorming done at the May meeting should not be lost. He said it had been five years since a parish pictorial was done and it's likely time. He also suggested that the mission statement should be revisited. There was some discussion of that by council members. Finally, he gifted Ann Kremel in recognition of her service on the council, which the group applauded.

There was *no other business*.

The meeting was adjourned and the group prayed the Our Father together.