

Saint William Parish Council Minutes of March 18, 2010 Meeting

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

Excused: Joyce Pindel, Sue Sieger

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

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. Tom Dougherty moved that they be accepted as printed; John Kennedy seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

During parishioner comments, Erik Engdahl said he had been approached by six people about changing the name of the "Weakland Room" in Vercelli House. Fr. Curt said the same had happened to him when he first came. Mike Hoge stated, in the name of the council, that the comments had been heard and there was no intention to change the name of the room.

During committee reports:

Prayer and worship: Anne Mraz said they had not met since the last council meeting.

Christian formation: John Kendellen reported on their last meeting of the year. There are 97 First Eucharist families as well as 5 RCIA candidates and one catechumen. Youth ministry tested a new program with internet support this year with some of its catechists. Those catechists really liked it. He also said that the Irish-themed CALL session on March 14 went very well.

Human concerns: had no meeting.

Finance/administrative services: Luanne Corcoran said they had met the week of March 7 when they began brainstorming on putting together a 5 year financial plan for the parish. Marcia Slowinski presented the January comparative financial statement where total revenue was up 4% and envelope revenue up 1.6%. Expenses were up 11.6%, largely because of maintenance costs and increased assessments. There was some discussion.

Human resources: Fr Jason said their next meeting was scheduled.

The council then reviewed the *outreach recommendations* for March. Luanne Corcoran moved that they be accepted as printed; John Kennedy seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

During liaison reports:

Youth: none

Waukesha Catholic: Jeff Roubik said the annual dinner/auction had netted \$97,500 (against a projection of \$70,000) and that \$30,000 had also been pledged for "smart boards." Enrollment for the next school year is at 645 with more expected in the next few months. K4 enrollment has dropped dramatically since the Waukesha public schools now provide this as well. The school board approved the budget for the next fiscal year at a deficit and it includes no tuition assistance for the next year (which has been at \$125,000.) Tuition for the first child

is set at \$2892 for next year. Father Jason expanded on variables in that budget and his concern for future funding. There was discussion by the council.

During old business:

. *Roof update*: Fr. Curt said the ad hoc group for this project would meet on Saturday, 3/20, to choose the vendor. The projected cost would be \$300,000-\$400,000 with that funding coming from parish savings. There was some discussion by the council.

. *Parish council constitution & bylaws*: Mike Hoge reminded the council members that they had received the final form by email. There was some discussion. John Kennedy moved that the documents be accepted as printed; Jeff Roubik seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

. *Parish staff/council social event*: Mike Hoge asked for input and suggested that a couple of people from council and a couple from staff work on this possibility. Fr. Curt said the staff has suggested that the council's June potluck be that event. There was much discussion and it was agreed that the timing was fine.

. *Parish raffle*: Anne Mraz said that Carol Dolphin had agreed to be the speaker at weekend Masses about this annual fund-raiser.

. *Nominating committee*: In the absence of Sue Sieger who has collected the names, members of that committee agreed that there were many willing to come to the orientation session as a prelude to making a decision to run for council.

During new business:

. *2010-2011 budget*: Marcia Slowinski elaborated on the budget document that each council member had received. She said that the finance/administrative services committee had many meetings to develop a responsible document. The major areas of change are the assessments - Catholic Memorial, archdiocesan and Waukesha Catholic - which are outside the control of the parish. She said the controllable portions of the budget are very lean and have been for some years. The archdiocesan assessment is up 15% this year and will continue to increase because the parish is not granted any credit against the assessment for supporting the school system. The Waukesha Catholic assessment is up 18% over last year. She said the income and expenses numbers are both projected very conservatively. There was much council discussion. John Kennedy then moved that the budget be approved as presented; Jeff Roubik seconded and the council approved by voice vote. The council returned their copies to Marcia at her request.

During the pastor's report:

. Fr. Curt said that the pastors of the Waukesha parishes continue to talk about the Vision 21 process and that St. Mary's, which currently has no pastor, is slowly moving towards healing. That staff may be ready to talk about the process. Fr. Curt feels strongly that the wider community must work on relationships first. The pastors also spoke to Fr. Reith who is the priest personnel board contact for this area about the filling of the two vacancies - St Mary and St John Neumann - in June. There was some discussion by the council.

. Fr. Curt said the budget is ok but not great; it was the best that could be done under the circumstances.

. He asked the council if they could be polled electronically about the final decision about the church roof; the council agreed.

. "Lent is going well" with both sacramental and faith formation, he said.

. He asked for input on the reflection day in the fall so that he could find a presenter/

facilitator; Mike Hoge said that would be on the council agenda at the next meeting.
. Fr. Curt added that Dorothy Damiano was retiring as rectory housekeeper and that a replacement was being sought.

There being no other business, the council adjourned with the praying of the Our Father.

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