

*Saint William Parish Council
Minutes of March 17, 2011 meeting*

Present: Luanne Corcoran, Tim Ellis, Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, Greg Johnson, John Kennedy, John Kendellen, Ann Kremel, Anne Mraz, Joyce Pindel, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert and Marcia Slowinski

Excused: Mary McNulty, Dick Roe

Absent: Erik Engdahl

John Kennedy called the meeting to order. Paul Seifert led the council in prayer, then all said the parish mission statement together.

The *minutes* of the February meeting were reviewed. John Kendellen said he had misstated when he suggested laptop computers for CF high school students as a use of Faith in Our Future funds; those would be for catechists. Greg Johnson moved that the minutes be approved, Anne Mraz seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Parishioner comments: Joyce Pindel asked about the work of the wellness committee. Fr' Curt responded that this was a group working with the parish nurse, as requested by ProHealth Care who sponsors Amy Haas' position at St. William.

As part of an on-going process, Sue Nettesheim who is chair of the prayer & worship committee reported to the council about that committee's work. The committee consists of the pastor, associate pastor, director of music/liturgy, representatives from Eucharistic ministers, readers and ushers as well as members at large. Sue said the committee was dynamic, overseeing liturgy and worship of the parish including the training of liturgical ministers. It works closely with staff to prepare and evaluate liturgical celebrations. There was some dialog between John Kennedy and Joyce Pindel as Eucharistic minister liaison to that group about specifics. John Kennedy then thanked Sue Nettesheim for coming.

Under committee reports:

Prayer & worship: Joyce Pindel said they had not met since the last council meeting. She commented on the new 10:45 Eucharistic ministers being trained after an appeal for more ministers at that particular Mass.

Christian formation: John Kendellen said child ministry had sponsored its annual pre-Lenten hot dog parties and raised \$415 for St. Vincent de Paul as well as collecting several boxes of food. Healing Hearts is growing in participants (it is also the parish's Lenten charity.) Children's Liturgy of the Word is limping for lack of sufficient leaders. Youth ministry has begun practice for Good Friday's Living Stations. The "Busy Teens' Retreat" has been put online. Mission shares will be sold at the end of March to support trips this summer. In adult & family ministry, the April Soup with Substance will be about RCIA. There is a men's breakfast on April 3. Small faith Lenten groups and a Lenten series on holy women have begun.

Human concerns: Paul Seifert said the Lenten projects' board had participants signed up for every event with several families in some slots. The Agape meal program now has several

volunteers after an appeal. The committee is considering a new time/date because of potential new members' conflicts with the existing schedule. Paul then called attention to the single outreach recommendation for March. He moved that the recommendation be accepted, Joyce Pindel seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Finance/administrative services: Luanne Corcoran said they spent their last meeting discussing the budget for the next fiscal year and a potential deficit. A second letter to parishioners is planned for May with more detail of the need and to encourage increased giving. There was some discussion by the council. Luanne continued by saying that the financial investment policy statement has been deferred. She also said the budget would come to the council later in the year, possibly in May.

Marcia Slowinski then distributed the *February comparative financial statement*. She said the parish is still in the black because although income is down from last fiscal year, so are expenses - largely because of lower maintenance costs. She saw several small bump-ups in contributions in February. She has heard people say they were not aware of the deficit. There was some discussion by the council.

Human resources: there was no report.

Liaison report:

Waukesha Catholic: Jeff Roubik said the annual auction went well with a confidence that they will clear \$85,000 and more than \$40,000 for smart boards. The school board is looking for consultation on what to do as enrollment declines as predicted. The goal for next school year is 652 students; 623 were registered as of the beginning of March which is on target. Athletic tournament income is down considerably. (There was some discussion by the council at this point.) Jeff continued by saying that \$100,000 was budgeted for texts in the next year; the system has all but \$17,000 of that raised. The board then passed a budget at their meeting with a \$121,000 deficit. Jeff reported that because his wife was recently hired by St. William campus as librarian, he was not only not allowed to vote on that budget but he was not allowed to speak either. There was discussion by the council.

Under old business:

Vision 21: Greg Johnson said this ad hoc group met March 6. They continue to gather information, including examples of what is currently being done across parishes, and will begin communication to all parishes on their work. They next meet in April.

Third source funding: Marcia Slowinski said the spirit wear sales were a success although the profit is likely to be less than \$1,000. The pig roast is now set for 6/19 so it does not conflict with St. Mary's festival. It will be in the early evening.

Raffle committee: Anne Mraz said the drawing would be at 5 PM the evening of the pig roast. Tickets have been printed and will be distributed soon.

Mass changes: Fr. Curt said "they're coming!" He remarked that there was great attendance at the Mass Class II session on March 12. Mass Class III will be at St. Mary's on April 2. There will be several sessions in the fall for parishioners. There was some discussion by the council.

Nominating committee: John Kennedy said they have met and came up with many names to contact. Doug Byers will do the orientation this year, with a schedule of two times in early April.

There was no *new business*.

During the *pastor's report*, Fr. Curt said 5 or 6 priests have shown an interest in becoming

associate pastor at St. William. He thanked the Jesuits for continuing in the interim to be help-outs on the weekend. He said that Peter Patrick's concentration this semester is on prayer and worship so he is working with both Fr. Curt and Charlotte Villwock. He received 14 or 15 resumes for the adult and family minister position but was happy to announce that Cindy Bergland is not leaving that position because Interfaith lacks sufficient funding to hire her long-term. He is working with others to protect the parish financially because of the archdiocesan declaration of bankruptcy. He spoke about Mass Class III and encouraged all to attend. He is going on vacation for 9 days this month; funerals will be covered by the other Waukesha parishes' priests. There were questions about the assignment process from council members.

During *other business*:

Greg Johnson asked if we could ask people to turn off cell phones during liturgy. Some discussion followed but there was no resolution.

Jeff Roubik said the school board's tech committee had several St. William members so he wondered if the parish tech committee could meet with them, especially considering possible wireless connectivity in the school. There was some discussion.

John Kennedy called for adjournment; Jeff Roubik so moved, Luanne Corcoran seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

All then prayed the Our Father together.

recorded by Pat Knuth