

Saint William Parish Council Minutes of May 20, 2010

Present: Erik Engdahl, Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, John Kendellen, John Kennedy, Fr. Jason Lavann, Anne Mraz, Joyce Pindel, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert, Sue Sieger and Marcia Slowinski

Excused: Luanne Corcoran, Tom Dougherty, Mike Hoge, Ann Kremel

John Kennedy, in the absence of Mike Hoge, called the meeting to order. Sue Sieger led the prayer and then all said the mission statement together.

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Anne Mraz noted that Larry Kascht and the garden group had agreed to help with the garden party only after the 10:45 Mass on the weekend of the raffle drawing. Sue Sieger moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Anne Mraz seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Parishioner comments: Fr. Curt's presentation on the church roof's replacement was well received. Some comments from parishioners were mentioned. There was some discussion.

Under committee reports:

Anne Mraz said the prayer and worship committee had not met.

John Kendellen said the Christian formation committee had not met.

Sue Sieger reported on the recent human concerns meeting where they reviewed the year's activities and did some planning for the coming year. They will do a stewardship fair the weekend that the parish stewardship presentation is made; this will replace the fair trade weekend. They will also sponsor a Lenten fair just before that season begins to highlight various service opportunities. The outreach recommendations were distributed. Fr. Jason moved that they be accepted as printed. Jeff Roubik seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Marcia Slowinski said that, at its last meeting, the finance/administrative services committee has focused on which funds in reserve to use for the church roof project. They continue to work on an investment policy and long term planning. She then distributed the March comparative financial report. It shows a small deficit (but she noted that the April figures will again show a surplus of income over expenses.) She again noted that assessments were up over last year. There was some discussion by the council.

Fr. Jason said that the human resources committee continues to work on updating the employee handbook which is scheduled to be presented to the parish council in the fall.

Under liaison reports;

Jeff Roubik spoke of the Waukesha Catholic school board meeting this month where they reviewed whether to continue the 403d funds because of low participation. They held a town hall meeting which had low attendance; they are not sure what caused that. He mentioned some activities including the 8th grade musical May 21-23 and the volunteer appreciation event May 25 at St Mary's. He said they had budgeted for 665 students for the next school year and, as of the beginning of the week, had 664 enrolled. The auction brought enough funds to buy 8 more smart boards; 4 will go to the St. Mary campus, 2 to the middle school campus, and 2 to the St. William campus. There is enough left to replace some very

expensive light bulbs (at approx. \$350 each) in the facilities. They are anticipating replacing some computers and have acquired a web-based library system for the campuses. They are also working on accreditation.

Under old business:

- . Fall day of reflection: John Kennedy opened the discussion on this topic. There appears to be consensus that it should be spiritually focused and interactive. After some discussion, John Kennedy said he would try to track down Mike Witte or other possible speakers, since to have a back up possibility was suggested. The date has not been set.
- . Nominating committee update: Sue Sieger distributed a sign up sheet for those who will handle the voting after each Mass on the first weekend in June. There are 10 people on the ballot for the four member-at-large positions. The picture boards will be up May 22/23 and biographies will be in the bulletin the following weekend.
- . June meeting social: John Kennedy noted that an email had been sent about what to bring. Sue Sieger added that people were free to switch if they wanted to and that she would come early to set up. There was some discussion about who would oversee the grills. The event will begin at 5:30 pm on June 17 and includes the new council members as well as staff.

Under new business;

- . Logistics of officer and liaison discernment: John Kennedy explained that both current, including those whose terms are complete, and new council members will discern officers. The selection of liaisons will also be done at the council level rather than at the executive committee level as in the past.

During the pastor's report:

- . Fr. Curt said all sacraments were completed (Fr. Jason joyfully concurred.)
- . He said the roof project is to begin in early June and to be done by the end of July.
- . He asked if the council gave something to those who had completed their term (there was some response from the council.)
- . He again asked the council to think about where the council and the parish should be going.
- . He thanked all those who filled out an evaluation on his first months here. He has not yet seen the compilation. He asked how the first year has gone. The council's response is that it was a good transition, that people liked being greeted before/after Masses and that he knew so many names.

Under other business, Pat Knuth reported that 24 letters had been to those who have never contributed any monies for the pledge they made to the Faith in Our Future campaign. Another 49 letters were sent to those who were substantially behind in their pledge and had not contributed anything in a year. The campaign ends in December and there is currently more than \$200,000 left in the fund. \$16,000 of that is pledged to Christian formation. There were some comments.

There being no other business, Joyce Pindel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sue Sieger seconded and the council agreed by voice vote. The Our Father was prayed together to close the meeting.

recorded by Pat Knuth