

Saint William Parish Council

Minutes of May 19, 2011 meeting

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

Absent: Tim Ellis, Eric Engdahl
Guest: Dennis Nelson

John Kennedy opened the meeting. Mary McNulty led the group in prayer and then all said the mission statement.

The council reviewed the April minutes. Jeff Roubik moved that they be approved as printed; Anne Mraz seconded and the council approved by voice vote. Paul Seifert asked that it be noted that the email vote of those not present at the April meeting, which lacked a quorum, was affirmative for the outreach recommendations.

During parishioner comments, Ann Kremel said she had heard two. The first was to consider changing the calendar distributed to the parish back to one that shows feast days and vestment colors. The second was that there were not enough votive lights available Mother's Day weekend.

John Kennedy then called on Dennis Nelson as chairperson of the finance/administrative services committee, to talk of their work and then present the budget. Dennis said they meet approximately once a month to keep track of the parish finances. They have sent two letters since the first of the year asking parishioners "to step up" their contributions because income is falling behind expenses. The committee will use the bulletin to keep the parish informed about its financial status. The committee also keeps track of investments and savings held by the parish.

Dennis Nelson then presented the recommended budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012.) He pointed out the recap to the council members and said that the goal this year was to have a balanced budget, showing no deficit. This was achieved in part by increasing the expected contributions by 5.2%. Spending is under control, he said, but the primary factor for the increases seen is health insurance. Fr. Curt pointed out that the staff would receive no salary increase. Discussion then followed. John Kennedy then asked for verbal approval of the budget and the council did approve by voice vote.

During committee reports:

Prayer and worship: Joyce Pindel said they had not met and had no meetings scheduled. She mentioned that "no shows" among Eucharistic ministers were more evident.

Christian formation: John Kendellen said they had not met since the last council meeting and would not meet again until fall.

Human concerns: Paul Seifert said that at their last meeting, they discussed the Lenten service projects which went very well. The committee will follow through with those who volunteered for their input. The committee will begin to have sub-committee chairs come,

one at a time, to the human concerns meeting to report about their work. He also said that Sue Sieger and Lonnie Rubis, as committee co-chairs, would be attending the human concerns meeting at St. Mary's in June to see how they function.

Finance/administrative services: Luanne Corcoran said that Marcia Slowinski "did a great job" on the recent letter to the parishioners about financial needs. She said that at their last meeting they finalized the recommended budget. Marcia then presented the April comparative financial report. The parish is currently in the black; expenses are lean and contributions are "inching up." She is looking to and hopeful of breaking even for this fiscal year. There were some questions from council members.

Human resources: Dick Roe said the committee had not met.

During the Waukesha Catholic liaison report, Jeff Roubik said they spent time at their last meeting considering the conflict of interest when a board member's spouse is a member of the school staff. They decided that no one could come on the board if that were the case but if the hiring happens after the member's term begins, that member can complete that particular year on the board. Jeff reported that the town hall meeting's attendance was low as it often is. The board is beginning the process of studying the future structure of the school system; they expect to have proposals in hand for that work by the end of September. He also reported that the enrollment for next year stands at 648 against a goal of 652. The home and school fundraiser brought in \$11,700. Soccer for the system was suggested but there was not enough interest. The auction was budgeted to earn \$85,000 and it brought in \$86,789 plus \$37,000 for smart boards and \$2,900 in tuition assistance.

During old business:

. Vision 21: John Kendellen reported that this group will now focus on human concerns in the four parishes with an eye to overlaps and gaps in coverage as well as areas of collaboration. That committee suggests a council/staff get-together around the theme of "Walking in My Shoes" for either July 23 or August 27 or another date that this council thinks might work. Father Curt said the staffs were already meeting and planned a day on August 11. There was some discussion. John said the next Vision 21 meeting was June 9.

. Pig roast: Marcia Slowinski said the event was all set for June 19, 4-6 PM and that ticket sales would begin the weekend of May 21/22. The committee is looking for people to donate desserts and for business sponsors. There were some questions.

. Raffle: Anne Mraz asked if Mike Bassi had spoken about tickets and the response was that he did a good job promoting this fund raiser. The drawing for prizes will be at the pig roast. There was some discussion.

. Nominating committee: Joyce Pindel sent around a sign-up sheet to staff the voting on June 4/5. Comments were very favorable about the pictures on the biographical sheets. Jeff Roubik said rosters would not be used; people would simply sign that they were members of the parish. It was suggested that voting could happen before Masses as well.

Under new business:

. Fall day/morning of reflection: John Kennedy said that the council had Vercelli House for the whole day. Fr Curt said that Fr. Doug Leonhardt had agreed to facilitate.

. Year in Review: John Kennedy asked for the council to list accomplishments for the year and then suggest goals:

Accomplishments:

. Vision 21 structure set and meetings have begun

. Awareness of budget issues and affirming need to the parish

- . Wearing name badges so people know who is on council
- . Finance committee making good steps, doing policy analysis
- . Human resources making good steps and creating policy
- . Completion of the church roof
- . Ministry fair

Then John Kennedy asked for possible goals:

- . Continue work on finances to avoid deficits
- . Encourage youth representation on council, possibly with two students, so council hears that perspective
- . Continued progress through Vision 21 to Waukesha parishes' collaboration
- . More visibility of the parish in the community/telling the "good story"
- . Revamp mission statement
- . Website vitalized and interactive
- . Aggressive follow-through of new parishioners

There was much discussion throughout the process of naming both the accomplishments and the possible goals. More work will be done on the goals at the June meeting.

During the pastor's report:

Jeff Roubik gave Fr Curt a birthday crown and the council sang Happy Birthday (the celebration of his 62nd will happen near the end of the month.)

Father Curt thanked the council for approving the budget; he said the committee had worked hard on it. He said the "pulse of the parish" group has been difficult to pull together. He said he does not have the official letter for an appointment of an associate pastor and will let the council know when/if that appointment is made. He reported that the Archbishop has asked for a special collection each year for the archdiocesan parish in the Dominican Republic.

He then distributed a plan for the creation of a finance council in addition to the parish council according to the directives of Archbishop ListECKI, based on canon law. New statutes for both are due in this district by the fall of 2012; full implementation throughout the archdiocese will be the fall of 2015. Discussion followed. Fr. Curt stated that the parish council determines the vision and the finance council provides the resources for that vision.

He then reminded the council that the June meeting is typically a potluck. It is also the meeting where officers and committee liaisons are determined.

During other business, Marcia Slowinski asked for council members to volunteer to help sell tickets for the pig roast. She said she was looking for total support from the council.

Paul Seifert then moved that the meeting be adjourned; Joyce Pindel seconded and the council agreed by voice vote. The meeting was closed with the praying of the Our Father.