

*Saint William Parish Council
Minutes of October 15, 2009*

Present: Luanne Corcoran, Tom Dougherty, Fr Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, Mike Hoge, John Kendellen, John Kennedy, Ann Kremel, Fr Jason Lavann, Joyce Pindel, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert, Sue Sieger, Marcia Slowinski and Mary Thiel

Excused: Anne Mraz

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

The minutes of the September 17 meeting were reviewed. Sue Sieger moved that they be accepted as printed; John Kennedy seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

There were no parishioner comments.

Under committee reports:

Prayer and worship: had not met since the last council meeting.

Christian formation: John Kendellen reported that at their last meeting they elected officers. He said there were 7 members at large and 3 staff members on the committee. The process for "Safeguarding All God's Family" has been completed for the catechists; the staff is now working on that process for occasional volunteers. Online catechetical training is now available. Men's ministry has been resurrected. The RCIA process has begun with 4 adult candidates. Other ministries are also in place. Their next meeting is in November.

Human concerns: Mary Thiel said they would next meet 10/20. She distributed the outreach recommendations for the month. John Kennedy moved that they be approved as presented; Paul Seifert seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Finance/administrative services: Luanne Corcoran reported on the first meeting of the re-formed committee. They spent that meeting orienting themselves to their work. Kathy Maday will serve as staff liaison. They will be meeting quarterly except at budget time. Their next meeting is 11/12. Marcia Slowinski then presented the August comparative financial report. She said that contributions were slightly up from last year and that expenses, although greater, were under control. There were some questions from the council about details of the way the accounting is done.

Under liaison reports:

Youth: There is no youth representative; the officers felt that such a representative would be forgone for the rest of this council year.

Waukesha Catholic: Jeff Roubik said there had been no meeting since the last council meeting. Father Jason said that the Ruggeri sponsored dinner for tuition assistance had served nearly 600 people but the total profit is not yet available. Father Curt said there had been no response to him about the bulletin article for sponsoring a child's tuition; he was not aware if Mr Radomski had had any responses.

Under old business:

Parish council constitution & bylaws: John Kendellen said the ad hoc group had met once to work with the current parish documents and the archdiocesan template. They do not yet have recommendations in place but will meet again before the next council meeting so they can make recommendations at the November council meeting.

New committees: Mike Hoge said that finance/administrative services was now on track, that there was now work to meet with members who have agreed to be on the HR and IT committees. Fr. Jason is working with the HR group and Fr. Curt with the IT group. Mike and Fr. Curt said that they are holding off on the buildings & grounds committee at the moment since Bruce Orgas, maintenance supervisor, would rather have work groups for specific projects. Mike also said that when these committees were up and functioning, the creation of a strategic planning committee would be considered.

Church roof: Fr. Curt reported that the final cost of repairing the roof was \$36,000 rather than the \$12,800 originally quoted. The entire roof needs to be replaced and bids are being sought for that work as well as determining the best solution for resurfacing. He is looking for quality and complementarity to the whole structure. He expects that the cost will be between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Under new business:

Endowment fund: John Kennedy said that the Archdiocese had no record of the submitted documentation for creating this parish fund. It could be resubmitted and Bishop Callahan, as archdiocesan administrator, could approve it. The officers and others will look at it again to make sure that its focus is what is best for the parish. If that changes, then it will come to the parish council again for approval. There were some questions from the council about how the fund would function since no fund has yet been created.

Vision 21: Mike Hoge opened up discussion of these archdiocesan documents. During a wide-ranging discussion, some ideas: encourage the cluster to work together, be pro-active in how our cluster sees the people served best, let creating community be the lead factor in that work, invite other Waukesha parish councils to a social in spring, encourage more events together, know that communication is essential in the parish and among the parishes. Fr. Curt asked Mike Hoge to find out if the other parishes are talking about Vision 21 and he will do the same among the priests.

Growing Up Old: At Mike Hoge's instigation, the council sang Happy Birthday to Fr. Jason who had turned 31 on October 12.

During the pastor's report:

.Fr. Curt said there were people complaining that the parish had not gone far enough with H1N1 saying, for example, there should be no sign of peace, no cup, etc.

.He spoke of a person who told him Baptism did not belong at Mass; that person said s/he was a parishioner but was not. He is taking the opportunity to do a piece in the bulletin about why Baptism is most appropriate at Mass.

.He needs names of people to help with the roof decisions and will look to the council to forward those to him.

.He will be asking for an evaluation of his pastorate after the first of the year, as

recommended by the Archdiocese; some council members will be asked to participate.

There was no other business.

Fr. Jason moved that the meeting be adjourned; Ann Kremel seconded and the council agreed by voice vote. The meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father.

recorded by Pat Knuth