

Saint William Parish Council Meeting of September 15, 2011

Present: Fr. Kevin Barnekow, Erik Engdahl, Fr. Curt Frederick, Tina Hannaman, Greg Johnson, John Kendellen, Mary McNulty, Anne Mraz, Joyce Pindel, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert, Bill Serb and Marcia Slowinski

Excused: Luanne Corcoran, John Kennedy, Dick Roe

Jeff Roubik called the meeting to order; Erik Engdahl led the group in prayer and then all said the mission statement together.

The August minutes were reviewed and accepted through consensus by the council as written.

During parishioner comments, Bill Serb said a parishioner had asked if, now that the parish has two priests, an early Mass could be available one day a week using 6:30 AM as an example. There was some discussion by the council and Fr. Curt said the priests in the city could discuss the possibility.

Jeff Roubik said that Oktoberfest on 9/11 was a good time. He felt the attendance was low but Fr. Curt said about 150 people were there.

During the committee reports:

Joyce Pindel said that *Prayer and Worship* has not met.

John Kendellen said that *Christian Formation* has not met but would soon.

Anne Mraz read the email that John Kennedy had sent about the *Human Concerns* meeting on 9/13. Lonnie Rubis is the new chair and Stephanie Shepard is secretary. The group decided to have four meetings per year, rather than six. Nancy Haubenschild, representing the Military Support Ministry, spoke about that group's work and the wish for a greater attendance at their weekly meetings. Human Concerns' next meeting is November 15.

Marcia Slowinski reported about *Finance/Administrative Services*, saying that they are focusing on having the parish monies in reserve do more work for the parish. In January, they will study how to transition to the new governance model required by the Archdiocese and then work on the next fiscal year's budget. Paul Seifert asked about the status of the investment policy that had come before the council some months ago; Marcia responded that the document was the committee's working guideline.

Human Resources has not met.

Marcia Slowinski then presented the August comparative *financial report* which shows contributions improving which were helped by a sizeable bequest. There were some questions.

The liaison report from *Waukesha Catholic*: Paul Seifert said they had not met since the last council meeting but he wanted to note that the system was in the midst of an archdiocesan

accreditation process. A 117 page report has been prepared in response and the auditors will be on campus the first week in October. There were some questions by council members.

Under old business:

Better Together (Vision 21) - John Kendellen said the task force had met last week with the chairs of the four parishes' human concerns committees. They found that some services are unique to a particular parish, some are shared ministries and there are some that could be combined. They also heard from a St Mary parishioner about Stephen Ministry. It was suggested by a member of the Waukesha Catholic School board that a member of that board be on the task force so the board had a direct conduit. There was discussion by council members, concluding that this was not necessary since Waukesha Catholic is a separate corporation.

Day of reflection - There was general discussion. The sense was the day was well done, personally positive, presented thought-provoking readings, had a collective focus, allowed much appreciated quiet time and that Fr. Doug's facilitation was much appreciated too.

Under new business:

Parish survey - Fr. Curt said callers were still being sought, that the ad hoc group had reviewed a draft of the survey and that there was work being done on a letter to the parishioners introducing the process. He said the callers would be drawn together for a "how to" session. He also said there would be much work compiling the results and that it could lead the council to developing a mission statement.

Pictorial directory - Fr. Curt asked if it should be done. The council agreed it should be. Jeff Roubik then asked for volunteer councilors to spearhead the process, working with the parish office. There was some discussion about the process. Bill Serb and Anne Mraz volunteered. Fr. Curt said that parishioners could also be drawn into the process.

Transitioning to New Archdiocesan Council Structure - this was an open discussion with many questions, much of which revolved around the relationship between the parish council and finance council as well as the relationships with the sub-groups of each council. There was an advocacy for a joint retreat or meeting together at least once a year. Fr. Curt said he would contact Mark Kemmeter, the archdiocesan Coordinator of the Office for Parish Mission, to come to the next meeting so he would be party to the council's discussion.

During the pastor's report:

Fr. Curt said that Mary Sheetz had been hired as the 24 hour/week parish secretary. He also said that ProHealth was dropping its parish nurse program after 9/30 which means that the status of the current nurse, Amy Haas, needs to be addressed. Some questions arose from the council. He said that the baptismal font appears to be repaired and he understands it is still under warranty. He remarked that we continue to see new members each month, although the total stays fairly stable. He announced that the St. William representative to the Waukesha Catholic School board would be Sara Carson who will serve a three year term. He noted that the pig roast is scheduled for June 10th next year, avoiding both Father's Day and St. Mary's festival. He said he was going on retreat 9/26-30.

A question was raised about the status of the parking lot. He said that had not yet been fully answered but that the business manager, Kathy Maday, was working on it.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father.

recorded by Pat Knuth