

# Saint William Parish Council

## minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting

Present: Father Leonard Barbian, Rick Chiapete, Tom Dougherty, Kevin Flood, Mike Hoge, John Kennedy, Linda LaBorde, Jeff Roubik, Ginny Schuldenberg, Marcia Slowinski and Mary Thiel

Excused: Mike Culhane, Linda Deets, Sue Sieger and Paul Trimborn  
Absent: Luke Gesior

John Kennedy, vice chairperson, called the meeting to order. He gave a brief update on the recovery status of Sue Sieger's husband, Tim who had been in a serious car accident in Iowa on 4/5.

Rick Chiapete led the group in prayer. The mission statement was then read by all.

The minutes of the March 21 meeting were reviewed. Jeff Roubik moved and Kevin Flood seconded that they be accepted as printed. The council approved by voice vote.

Under parishioners' comments, there were accolades for Charlotte Villwock, the parish director of liturgy/music and the various musicians during Holy Week/Easter. There was also a comment about how great the church environment looked.

During committee reports:

- . *Prayer and worship* has not met since the last council meeting; they next meet May 17.
- . *Christian formation* has not met since the last council meeting.
- . *Human concerns*: Mary Thiel said they spent some time at their last meeting hearing a report by Helene Brown about the involvement of St William's in Dismas Ministry. A small group of parishioners here work by mail with more than 600 prisoners in 28 states on Bible study. St William's is the only parish doing this ministry. There will be a rose sale on May 3. The reverse collection will be May 20 with baby items as the focus. Mary then presented the outreach recommendations. There were questions about the process and how the amount per agency is determined. Ginny Schuldenberg moved that the recommendations be accepted; Rick Chiapete seconded and the council approved by voice vote.
- . *Finance/administrative services*: Marcia reported that the committee spent its March meeting going over the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

During liaison reports:

- . There was no *youth* report.
- . Mike Hoge said that the *Waukesha Catholic School System's* board had not met since the last council meeting.
- . There was no *Archdiocesan Pastoral Council* report.

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Under old business:

- . In Linda Deets' absence, John Kennedy spoke about the *Parents' Place* commitment by the council on April 26 and asked for affirmation of those volunteers he had listed.
- . John Kennedy spoke about the status of the *endowment fund*. He said the final document was now "ready to submit" to the Archdiocese when the signatures of the corporate officers and the parish council chairperson were obtained.

Under new business:

. *Budget for the next fiscal year*: Marcia Slowinski distributed the budget document and walked through the revenue budget first. The revenue numbers for the general parish income are 4% greater than last year but only 1% over the actual trend this year. The Christian formation revenues are not much different than the current year. She asked for questions; there were none. Then she walked through the expense budget. That could be divided into three general areas, she said:

- . parish administration is up 4% over the current year;
- . buildings and grounds shows a 10% increase but there are no major projects;
- . Christian formation is down a bit, primarily because a change in personnel.

The summary of the budget predicts a \$15,000 net of revenue over expenses. She asked for questions; there were none. Tom Dougherty moved that the budget be accepted as presented; Mike Hoge seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

. *Nominating committee*: John Kennedy reported that this committee had met, drawn up a list of potential candidates and called those parishioners. He reported that 10 people were interested; there are also three incumbents for members-at-large who will run. A trustee position will also be filled. Orientation for prospective members is May 10 while the parish wide election is June 2/3. John asked for volunteers to take care of the voting process at each Mass.

During the pastor's report:

Father Leonard spoke about cutting open his scalp by accident and his trips to the hospital because of it. He said the staff was busy doing "end of the year" stuff. He remarked that Holy Week had gone very well with the number of people in attendance up considerably. The canopy over the front entrance to church has been begun with its progress affected by the weather. It will probably not be finished until the end of May.

He spoke about 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events. There is a need to sell tickets for the sock hop - lots of talk but few tickets sold. That sparked discussion. He said that the golf outing on June 25 seems pricey but was assured by council members that the extensive package made the price in line. There was a question if dinner tickets only would be available for that event; Father said the question had been raised but there was not an answer as yet. He stated that he wanted all the council members to be present at the closing Mass with Archbishop Dolan the afternoon of July 1. John Kennedy asked why there was nothing on the website about the 50<sup>th</sup>.

Marcia Slowinski asked if we were now using smaller hosts. Father Leonard said no; the ones used on the weekend were left from the Schoenstatt celebration on Saturday morning.

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A comment was made about the size of the Easter candle. Agreeing that it was tall, Father said it was the only one that particular color in the country because it was special ordered in red.

There was no other business. John Kennedy asked for a motion to adjourn. Ginny Schuldenberg so moved; Marcia Slowinski seconded and the council agreed.

The meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father. The council then shared in the cookies baked by Mary Thiel.

recorded by Pat Knuth