

# St William Parish Council

## Minutes of August 20, 2009 meeting

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

Guests: Duane and Carol Paulson

Mike Hoge, chairperson, called the meeting to order. Fr Curt led prayer and the council said the parish mission statement together.

Mike Hoge said the agenda would be rearranged to some extent.

Fr Curt then gave the pastor's report. He said he was a product of the Second Vatican Council and believes strongly in parish councils. He will bring issues to the council, looking for corporate wisdom. He will not make major decisions without the council and will also meet with the trustees separately (in their corporate role.) The parish needs to be transparent and to facilitate that, he has asked the Archdiocese to send a person who will do a financial review and then bring that result to the parish council. He said the composition of the finance/administrative services committee bothers him; he feels there is a need for more parishioners as well as a lawyer on that group. He also raised the question whether the parish needed an IT committee, a buildings and grounds committee, a human resources committee and a budget committee. (Some of these will be explored under new business later in the meeting.)

He then spoke about the church roof, where a number of cracked tiles are evident and where there is flashing missing in one section. Research showed that to do the repair work would come to \$12,800. He will seek a proxy from the Archdiocese if necessary.

Luanne Corcoran asked about dealing with the flooding that has occurred two years running; Fr Curt said that issue was being assessed as well.

Mike Hoge then attended to parishioner comments, calling on Mr Paulson. Duane Paulson said that he and his wife had come because of the difficulty they have hearing in church. The major issue is an echo. He reminded the council that he had come about this issue some years ago and felt that the gym speaker system was much more audible. He also said that he would donate \$1200 if the church sound system were fixed. There was council interaction with both his wife and him. He and his wife then left the meeting. There was further discussion by the council. Fr Curt said that he would talk to Charlotte Villwock, Karen Nelson (a parishioner who is an audiologist,) and Mike Kujak (the parishioner from Metro Sound who installed the sound system.)

The minutes of the June meeting were then reviewed. Marcia Slowinski moved that they be accepted as printed; John Kennedy seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Under committee reports, Mike Hoge said that no council committees had met. He reaffirmed the council liaisons to those committees - Anne Mraz for prayer & worship, John Kendellen

for Christian formation, Mary Thiel for human concerns and Luanne Corcoran for finance/administrative services.

Marcia Slowinski then distributed the year end fiscal report, comparing June 2008 to June 2009. She said expenses were basically under control during the fiscal year, noted that the parish showed a 2.7% increase in envelope contributions per week but that individual contributions were essentially flat. There was some discussion by the council.

Under liaison reports, Mike Hoge said that Barb Gawlik, youth minister, was close to securing a youth representative to the council; it is possible that it may be Rebecca Rohde again.

The Waukesha Catholic report was given by Jeff Roubik who is now the council representative to that board. They met on August 18 and, at that point, felt they would need to draw \$78,000 from the endowment fund to cover the fiscal year ending June 30. Although this is much less than anticipated, it is also the first year that this has had to be done. (Fr Jason noted that the school system's endowment fund has grown in the last several months.) Jeff Roubik also reported that tuition assistance has been capped at \$125,000 with no family getting full assistance. As of that meeting, there were 701 students enrolled in the system (the budget had planned for 695.) He also said the auction committee is moving forward.

Mike Hoge added some budget history and detail. There was some discussion by the council including a strong encouragement to find more students for the system.

Under old business, Pat Knuth, who is the follow-up leader for the Faith in Our Future campaign, distributed a report on the expenses from the parish's portion of the FIOF funds, which also listed an parish income of \$343,923 as of mid-July. At that point, \$79,479 remained in that restricted account. About \$19,000 of that is committed to Christian formation because of the council's decision for the case study presented to the Archdiocese at the beginning of the process in fall 2007. She also distributed a synopsis of those who have pledged but not paid anything towards that pledge and said that 50 letters would go out in the next week to encourage those parishioners to begin meeting their pledge. The follow-up committee will make recommendations in the future about faith formation needs to the parish council. There were some questions from council members.

Under new business:

. Jeff Roubik, as council secretary, asked for roster corrections after distributing the information he has and also asked for council members to sign up to lead prayer at a specific meeting. He noted that the council meeting dates had been sent with the email about the August meeting.

. Mike Hoge introduced the discussion about the finance/administrative services committee's membership composition; Fr Curt spoke about the responsibilities of that committee. After some discussion of the current member makeup and role of that committee, Mike Hoge asked that council members give him suggestions, by email, of possible members. Fr Curt said he would meet with Mike, the trustees and the committee chairperson to explore this issue more thoroughly.

. Mike Hoge said that the need for an IT committee, a facilities and grounds committee and a human resources committee would also be considered . He asked that council members bring back ideas to the September meeting. Tom Dougherty asked if a long range planning committee should also be considered.

Under other business, Mike Hoge said that the aim would be to have council meetings of no more than 90 minutes which would be facilitated by crisp, short committee reports.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned. The council then prayed the Our Father together.

recorded by Pat Knuth