

St William Parish Council

meeting of February 20, 2008

Present: Father Leonard Barbian, Wes Borden, Rick Chiapete, Tom Dougherty, Kevin Flood, Mike Hoge, John Kennedy, Linda LaBorde, Jeff Roubik, Sue Sieger, Mary Thiel and Paul Trimborn

Excused: Mike Culhane, Linda Deets, John Kendellen, Fr Jason Lavann, Marcia Slowinski

Guest: Jeff Corcoran, chair of the human concerns committee

Sue Sieger called the meeting to order. John Kennedy led the group in prayer; then all said the parish mission statement together. The prayer triggered a story by Father Leonard who shared an funny incident that happened to him at a vigil in a funeral home recently.

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

There were no parishioner comments.

During committee reports:

- . Prayer and worship: there has been no meeting since the last council meeting; their next meeting is 2/27.
- . Christian formation: Rick Chiapete said their February meeting was cancelled because of weather and they next meet in March.
- . Human concerns: Mary Thiel reported on the meeting of 2/19. They discussed Parents Place's concern about St William's no longer supplying one meal a month after June. Cindy Bergland, adult & family minister, will appeal through the bulletin for families to take on this service. There was some discussion by the council at this point. Mary Thiel also reported that a group of parishioners will take on the delivery of the bag lunches to Repairers of the Breach the three or four times St William's has that ministry during the year. The committee also heard reports about their on-going ministries.
- . Finance/administrative services: Paul Trimborn said they had not met since the last council meeting and would again meet on March 27. Marcia Slowinski had prepared the comparative financial reports for the first six months of the fiscal year which were distributed to the council. Sue Sieger read a note from Marcia. There were some comments on the report from council members.

During liaison reports:

- . Youth: Wes Borden said they had not had a meeting but would meet again in early March.
- . Waukesha Catholic: Mike Hoge said they had not met; they next meet on 3/18. He remarked on the auction/dinner dance which is the system's major fund-raiser which will be held on 2-23 at Merrill Hills. Father Leonard said that 350-400 people were expected.
- . APC: no report

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Under old business:

- . Morning of reflection: Sue Sieger reminded the council of this 2-23 event.
- . T-mobile: Sue Sieger and Father Leonard spoke about this having become active again. The company is pursuing the placement of a tower on the parish property and says St William is in the "second tier." The parish's attorney and the company representative are dialoguing about the contract presented by T-mobile.
- . Picnic at Minooka Park: Sue Sieger stated that two sites have been reserved for this event on August 24.

Under new business:

- . Announcement of sub-committee for allocation of Faith in Our Future campaign funds: Sue Sieger said those members would be Kevin Flood, Marcia Slowinski, Tom Dougherty, Mary Thiel and John Kennedy.
- . Nominating committee: Sue Sieger requested volunteers for this ad-hoc group. She described the work of the group and said that terms were complete for John Kennedy (not eligible for re-election,) Linda LaBorde, Linda Deets and Paul Trimborn (not eligible for re-election.) Kevin Flood's term as trustee is also "up." Kevin Flood tentatively volunteered for the committee if he does not run for re-election. Tom Dougherty, Mike Hoge and Mary Thiel said they would serve on the committee. Mike Hoge will be chairperson.

During the pastor's report:

Father Leonard first called on Tom Dougherty to speak about the spring raffle. Tom said the prizes would be much as last time but there were be more incentives, including two reserved parking spaces and a special pew for Christmas. He said this year's receipts would go towards roof repair.

That led Father Leonard into speaking about the need to redo the seam between the old portion of the school building and the southern part of the addition done several years ago where water has created havoc. The problem has been known but the cost was exceptional. The parish has accepted the lowest of the three bids submitted (\$49,440) and work will do away with the seam and reroute the water drainage in that area. The work must wait until school is over because of the heavy odors generated. There is also the need to repair roof damage over the second grade classroom; no bids have been sought for that yet. There was some discussion by the council at this point.

Father then reported that he and Charlotte Villwock, director of music and liturgy, have met with three liturgical design firms about reorientation of the space to accommodate the choir and create a baptismal font in church. None of those firms have responded with proposals as yet.

Father did said that a check of \$10,000 was now signed as a deposit on a new organ. This is to hold the price as quoted since the firm has said the amount would have gone up about \$14,000 as of the first of March. The work should be completed this summer.

He also said that the parish was on the brink of losing Michael Hey as keyboardist to work in other parishes. Michael has agreed to play two Masses a weekend here - one on his own and one to accompany the choir through their season and then two Masses during the summer.

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is a junior in high school this year and will most likely leave the area for his college work.

There was no other business.

Rick Chiapete read a joke about gaining new parishioners (which Father Leonard had told in church some while ago.)

Father Leonard said that Father Jason would be giving up his tonsils for Lent - in early March.

John Kennedy moved the meeting be adjourned; Kevin Flood seconded and the council agreed.

The meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father.

recorded by Pat Knuth