

# **Saint William Parish Council Minutes of February 18, 2009**

Present: Father Leonard Barbian, Luanne Corcoran, Tom Dougherty, Mike Hoge, John Kendellen, Ann Kremel, Father Jason Lavann, Anne Mraz, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert, Sue Sieger, Marcia Slowinski, Mary Thiel

Excused: Mike Culhane, Kevin Flood  
Absent: Rick Chiapete, Rebecca Rohde

Sue Sieger called the meeting to order. Jeff Roubik led the opening prayer. All said the mission statement together.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Tom Dougherty moved they be accepted as printed; Paul Seifert seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

There were no parishioner comments.

#### Under committee reports:

*Prayer and worship* – Anne Mraz reported they had not met.

*Christian formation* – in the absence of Rick Chiapete, Father Jason said there was nothing to report.

*Human concerns* – Mary Thiel said the meeting was cancelled.

*Finance/administrative services* – Luanne Corcoran said they had not met. Marcia Slowinski then distributed the December comparative financial reports. She said they showed an improvement over the November report and noted that there was one more week in 2007 than in 2008 which would account for some of the difference in income. She said expenses were under control. Father Leonard remarked that January's income was good.

#### Under liaison reports:

*Youth ministry* – no report

*Waukesha Catholic* – Mike Hoge said they had not met since the last council meeting but that their major fundraiser, the auction/dinner dance, was on Saturday, February 21.

*Archdiocesan pastoral council* – Sue Sieger they have not met; they will meet on 2/19.

#### Under old business:

*Staff/council morning of reflection* – Sue Sieger reminded the council of this March 7 event.

*Fun event* – Sue Sieger spoke of the flyer that will be in the bulletin for this March 29 talent show. She also said that Tony Jurik would speak at all the Masses the first weekend in March to encourage people to participate. Father Leonard suggested that the council participate as a whole – choir or tap dancing were his examples.

*Outreach recommendations* – these were distributed to the council by Mary Thiel and reviewed. Jeff Roubik moved that they be accepted as presented; Luanne Corcoran seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Under new business:

*Nominating committee* – Sue Sieger explained the need for and the work of this committee to seek candidates to fill the vacancies on the council that will be available in June. She asked for volunteers. Tom Dougherty, Ann Kremel and John Kendellen volunteered. They will work with Father Leonard. Ann Kremel agreed to be the chair of the committee. Luanne Corcoran volunteered to do the picture boards that will be in the church lobbies. Father Leonard said the election would be the first weekend in June.

*Transition meeting* – Father Jason spoke about the transition meeting with the archdiocesan representatives, Rick Tank and Fr Brian Mason, on January 27. A summary of that meeting had been sent by email to council members as well as the profile that was developed about the parish. He asked that the council pray for Father Leonard in this time of his transition. He also asked that the council not listen to rumors; there are parishioners who are convinced they know who is coming and that decision has not been made. Some priests have asked for more information or come to look at the parish. The decision will likely be known in May. He and Father Leonard then spoke more about the process as well as the difficulties that are facing the personnel board because of unexpected changes such as illness among priests. Comments were that the meeting had gone well. Father Leonard was asked about his plans and he said that he had begun searching for an apartment in southwestern Milwaukee County.

During the pastor's report:

Father Leonard said the church modification project continues to move along. The baptismal pool is now done but cannot have water in it until March 16 because the grout needs to set. The baptismal font is being worked on. Four pews will be returned to the area near the baptismal font (in front of the choir) because it was clear that people were not comfortable sitting in the chairs that had been placed there. There will be kneelers in the balcony, except for the front row; those are expected to be in place the week of 2/22. There will be some experimentation with the cantor stand's placement. His comments sparked a question about the communion procession in the balcony. Father Leonard said they will continue to observe how that process works before making any decision.

He reminded the council of the spaghetti supper on March 15 and encouraged them to encourage lots of folks to come.

He noted that Ash Wednesday was just a week away and that Sunday Vespers and Friday Stations of the Cross would again be part of the Lenten prayer.

There was no other business.

Ann Mraz moved to adjourn the meeting; Marcia Slowinski seconded and the council approved by voice vote. The meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father.

recorded by Pat Knuth