

Saint William Parish Council meeting of June 18, 2008

Present: Father Leonard Barbian, Luanne Corcoran (newly elected,) Mike Culhane, Linda Deets (completing term,) Tom Dougherty, Kevin Flood, Mike Hoge, John Kendellen, John Kennedy (completing term,) Ann Kremel (newly elected,) Linda LaBorde (completing term,) Ann Mraz (newly elected,) Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert (newly elected,) Sue Sieger, Marcia Slowinski (re-elected,) and Paul Trimborn (completing term.)

Excused: Rick Chiapete, Father Jason Lavann, Mary Thiel
Absent: Wes Borden

After a potluck supper, Sue Sieger called the meeting to order. Marcia Slowinski led prayer and all read the mission statement together.

Sue Sieger thanked outgoing members for their service, welcomed the newly elected members and said the potluck was wonderful. She then asked each person present to introduce themselves and they did.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. John Kennedy moved that they be accepted as written, Mike Hoge seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Parishioner comments: Sue Sieger explained to the new members the purpose of this section which is to relate to the council questions or comments that they have heard from parishioners. Father Leonard expanded on that explanation.

During committee reports:

- . Prayer and worship: Linda Deets said there had been no meeting.
- . Christian formation: had not met.
- . Human concerns: had not met.
- . Finance/administrative services: Paul Trimborn said they had not met. Marcia Slowinski presented the April financial statement to the council and explained that report for the benefit of the new members. There were some clarifying questions from council members.

During liaison reports:

- . Youth: no report
- . Waukesha Catholic: Mike Hoge reported on that board's year-end meeting of June 10. The board reviewed sub-committee and board reports for the year. They also choose the president and vice-president at the June meeting. This year, they decided to have Mike Hoge as president and Tom Piette as vice president for another term. Carolyn Caruso who is the new director of the system will begin on July 1. Tom Dougherty suggested that the council applaud Mike Hoge for his willingness to continue to serve as president of the Waukesha Catholic board. The council affirmed that suggestion by applause.

Father Leonard said that enrollment needs a boost; the student count is currently at 711 and the budget is set for 738 students. Mike Hoge expanded on that by talking about the demographics of certain grade levels.

. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council: Mike Culhane said there had been no meetings. He explained the structure of that group from district to the archdiocesan level to the new members.

During old business:

. Election of new officers: Father Leonard began the process by reading the calling of Samuel from the First Book of Samuel in the Old Testament. He then spoke of the three positions to be filled and encouraged the 2008-2009 council to step forward if they felt called to fill one of those positions. The first position to be filled was that of council chair. Sue Sieger was chosen in the first ballot.

John Kennedy then spoke about the duties of the vice-chairperson. Tom Dougherty and John Kendellen emerged as the top candidates after the first ballot. In the second ballot, John Kendellen was chosen as vice-chairperson.

Linda LaBorde spoke about the secretarial position. Jeff Roubik and Tom Dougherty emerged as the top candidates in the first ballot. Tom Dougherty declined and Jeff Roubik accepted, which the council affirmed. Pat Knuth will continue as recording secretary. Father Leonard thanked her for her willingness to do that work.

. Garden party - raffle drawing: Sue Sieger had a note from Larry Kascht who heads the gardening group looking for help, especially on Sunday for the garden receptions after the 7:30 and 9 AM Masses and the ice cream social after the 10:45 Mass. Those willing were asked to let Sue Sieger know.

During new business:

. Linda Deets asked about the committee for the parish picnic; the response was that there is a sign up sheet on the activities table.

Pastor's Report:

Father Leonard spoke about the choir area renovation committee, again listing the members and said that they would meet on 6/27 with the liturgical architect, Dennis Horbinski. The organ will go in first, in July. The choir loft will be used for seating which means there will be a minimal loss of seats overall.

He spoke about the parish picnic on August 24. A caterer will provide the bratwurst, hot dogs and buns. People will be asked to bring a dish to pass. There will be a \$5 charge per family (which will cover the gate entry cost per car.) There will be games for the kids, bingo for adults and swimming.

He reminded the council of the Brewers game on August 8, saying that about 60 people had signed up so far. It is, he said, great fun.

The missionaries, both youth and adult, will be commissioned on June 21 at the 5 PM Mass since both groups are leaving on Sunday, the 22nd.

Father said the raffle was not going well. Less than \$30,000 has come in with the drawing scheduled for June 22 at the ice cream social. Over the years, nothing has seemed to work to encourage more participation.

During other business:

. Sue Sieger presented a basket of plants to Linda LaBorde in thanks for her two years as secretary and a multi-picture frame to John Kennedy (with a picture of the 2007-2008 council in the center) for his five years as vice-chairperson.

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

recorded by Pat Knuth