

SAINT WILLIAM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2009 MEETING

Present: Rick Chiapete (retiring,) Luanne Corcoran, Mike Culhane (retiring,) Tom Dougherty, Tina Hannaman (newly elected trustee-secretary,) Mike Hoge, John Kendellen, John Kennedy, Ann Kremel, Fr Jason Lavann, Anne Mraz, Joyce Pindel (newly elected,) Rebecca Rohde, Jeff Roubik (re-elected,) Paul Seifert, Sue Sieger, Marcia Slowinski and Mary Thiel (re-elected.)

Absent: Kevin Flood (retiring trustee-secretary)

Note: Fr Leonard Barbian retired as pastor June 16; Fr Curt Frederick becomes pastor 7/1.

The group gathered at 6 PM for a potluck supper.

Sue Sieger called the meeting to order at 7 PM. She welcomed the newly elected members and then led the group in saying the mission statement.

The minutes of the May 20 meeting were reviewed. Paul Seifert moved to accept them as printed; Fr Jason seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

Under parishioner comments:

- . Jeff Roubik said that the pictures of candidates for the council election that are inserted in the bulletin are consistently poor and suggested that that insert be printed professionally.
- . John Kennedy said Father Leonard's farewell Mass on 6/13 was wonderful and the music phenomenal; the council concurred. Sue Sieger said she would send a thank you card to Charlotte Villwock in the council's name.
- . Ann Kremel spoke about a parishioner who said it was very warm in the balcony; Fr Jason said that was not consistently true.

During committee reports: Sue Sieger stated that no council committees had met since the last council meeting. Marcia Slowinski did distribute the financial comparative statement for April. She said that the parish continues to be very fortunate in this economy with a surplus on hand for the fiscal year. There was some discussion including questions about monies in reserve. There was also a question about the status of the Faith in Our Future funds and whether they had all been designated. Clarity about this question should be available at the August meeting.

During liaison reports:

- . Youth report – Rebecca Rohde said there was none.
- . Waukesha Catholic: Mike Hoge made his last report as council liaison to that board; his term as president of the board is also completed. At their 6/16 meeting, they heard year-end reports from their 8 sub-committees and a system update from the director. They elected their president (John Grau from St John Neumann) and vice-president (Kathy Schmidt from St Mary.) St William's other representative is Kevin Lange who is in his last year on that board. The budget projection for the current fiscal year is that \$80,000 will need to be taken from the endowment fund, which is the first time in four years such action was needed. The board is confident that they have taken enough actions for the next fiscal year to avoid

dipping into the endowment again. The enrollment for next year stands at 701 students which is above the budgeted amount and some students always enroll in the summer. There continues to be a need to aggressively raise tuition assistance monies.

Luanne Corcoran had a suggestion that perhaps parishioners could support a low income student through purchasing Scrip with the profit going towards that student's tuition. Mike Hoge said he would ask Nancy Nadolny, the system's development director, to contact Luanne to flesh out that idea.

John Kennedy thanked Mike for his five years of service on the Waukesha Catholic board and his four years as president of that group. The council affirmed those thanks.

Under old business:

. Discernment of officers: Sue Sieger began the process by explaining how it worked and what the duties were of the various officers. Father Jason then read the call of Samuel from the First Book of Samuel and reflected on that scripture, emphasizing how that response at the council level might take shape and reminding members that there could be a changing role for the council with the advent of a new pastor. He then asked for written nominations for chairperson of the council. Since it had not been clarified that Sue Sieger was not eligible to be chair again since she has served three consecutive years in that position, the nomination process was done again. Mike Hoge and John Kennedy emerged as the two top candidates and both were willing to serve. By ballot, the council chose Mike Hoge. The council then congratulated him.

Then Sue Sieger asked for written nominations for vice-chairperson. This needed to be redone because there were several slips with "John K" and there are two on the council. John Kennedy and John Kendellen were the two primary candidates and both were willing to serve. The ballots were tied on the first vote so the council voted again. John Kennedy was chosen vice-chairperson. The council congratulated him.

Sue Sieger then asked for written nominations for secretary. Jeff Roubik and Mary Thiel were the primary candidates. Mary Thiel declined and because Jeff had gotten half of the nominations, he was affirmed as secretary. The council congratulated him.

Father Jason gave Sue Sieger a floral arrangement, cards and a gift in thanks for her service to the council as chairperson.

. Transition committee: Sue Sieger said that the group had not met since the last council meeting and was on track for welcoming Fr Curt. Fr Jason said that the new pastor would be here on July 1. He will preach at all the Masses the weekend of July 11/12. There was council comment about the retirement celebrations for Father Leonard going well.

Under new business:

. Council meetings moving to Thursdays: Sue Sieger announced that the council meetings would now be on the third Thursdays of the month with the first of those being the next meeting on August 20. (Fr Curt's day off is Wednesday.) At that meeting, council members will also sign up to lead prayer at a specific meeting.

. Sue noted that the parish picnic is August 23. Fr Jason said there would be Mass at 10:45 in the parish as well as Mass at the picnic. Who will be presider at which has not been determined.

. Contact information: Jeff Roubik asked for the name, address, phone and email for each of the new members as well as any changes among current members and will bring a sheet to the August meeting to assure that everyone's information is accurate.

There was no pastor's report but Father Jason did say that his day off would now be Monday. He also responded to a question about whether Fr Curt needed help moving by saying that the new pastor had it under control.

There was no other business.

Rick Chiapete moved that the meeting be adjourned; Mike Culhane seconded. The council closed the meeting by praying the Our Father together.

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