

St William Parish Council  
meeting of March 21, 2007

Present: Father Leonard Barbian, Rick Chiapete, Linda Deets, Tom Dougherty, Mike Hoge, John Kennedy, Linda LaBorde, Jeff Roubik, Ginny Schuldenberg, Mary Thiel and Paul Trimborn

Excused: Mike Culhane, Kevin Flood, Luke Gesior, Sue Sieger, Marcia Slowinski

John Kennedy, vice-chairperson, called the meeting to order. Jeff Roubik led the council in prayer and all said the mission statement together.

At this point, there was not a quorum so the approval of the February minutes was delayed although John Kennedy asked the council members to review them. Mike Hoge said that he had mis-stated the profit from the auction. Both last year and this year, it was \$80,000.

The parishioner comments were also delayed until Father Leonard would arrive; he was presiding at Stations and Reconciliation for grade school classes.

Under committee reports:

*Prayer and worship:* Linda Deets said they had not met since the last council meeting.

*Christian formation:* Ginny Schuldenberg reported on the March 1 meeting. It was the last of the year and they began with a potluck supper. Cindy Bergland, adult & family minister, did a thorough update of events that are part of that ministry including scripture sessions, Soup with Substance, grief support, RCIA and Repairers of the Breach. She is working on resurrecting an advisory group for this ministry. Barb Gawlik, youth minister, spoke about the Beattyville trip, the selling of shares for the mission trip and sponsorship of an August mission trip. Kay Hokans, child minister, said that this area had gone well this year. They are now focusing on Lenten Charities and First Eucharist preparation. The committee also spoke about a survey concerning intergenerational religious formation. They discussed using focus groups next year and will further explore this in the fall. John Kennedy then thanked Ginny for all her efforts on the council, especially working with the Christian Formation committee.

*Human concerns:* was not asked to report.

*Finance/administrative services:* Paul Trimborn said they were meeting the week of March 26. John Kennedy then distributed the February comparative finance reports that Marcia Slowinski had sent and read her commentary. The parish is doing well in this area.

Under liaison reports:

*Youth* - no report

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*Waukesha Catholic:* Mike Hoge said there had been a town hall meeting on March 5 which about 50 people attended. The details behind the financial picture of the system were shared at that meeting. He then reported on the March 20 board meeting where the primary business was determining the budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1. The budget was approved. There is a need, in order to meet that budget, to raise \$450,000 in third source funding (outside of tuition and parish subsidies) which is about double two years ago. The board is learning how to generate more third source funding and has scheduled a May 10 event that will directed towards those who have shown an interest in sustained giving. At this point, the council asked questions and discussed the ramifications of this need.

Mike Hoge then said that the principals share at each meeting of the board and he wanted to highlight Bob Radomski's remarks. Amy Kinosian, fifth grade teacher, is one of ten private school teachers to earn the Herb Kohl award. He also spoke about the strong Lenten activities in the school and the celebration of Fathers Day which always occurs on the Friday closest to St Joseph Day.

With the arrival of Father Leonard, the council had now reached a quorum and John Kennedy asked for approval of the January minutes which was done by voice vote.

He also asked for parishioners comments; there were none.

*Archdiocesan Pastoral Council* - there was no report.

Under old business:

*Parents Place:* Linda LaBorde reminded the council that they were to be the preparers and servers of this meal for 30 people on April 26. They would meet at 5 PM and the clean up is typically done by 7. Mary Thiel and Linda Deets volunteered and Linda LaBorde will ask for more council members by email.

*Endowment Fund:* John Kennedy reported that the committee here had asked the Archdiocese about the board of directors for this fund; the response was that it would be the parish's corporate board (Archbishop, Vicar General, the parish trustees and the pastor.) The advisory committee for the fund would report to the corporate board. The question about the creation of this fund while the archdiocesan capital campaign is going on was also asked. The response was that existing funds or unsolicited funds could start the endowment fund. Father Leonard then said that the pastors' policy committee for the capital campaign was the only one currently in existence and that he was now the chair of that committee.

*50<sup>th</sup> anniversary update:* Father Leonard said that the raffle ticket sales were going fairly well but sales for the Sock Hop, typically, were slow. He said though that there is a lot of enthusiasm for that May event. More bobble heads have been ordered; they will probably arrive in May. The anniversary committee meets again on March 22 when they will work more intently on the July 1 closing event for the anniversary year. The parish will hear soon about the golf outing that is planned as part of this celebrating year.

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Under new business:

*Capital campaign:* Linda LaBorde reported on a meeting that she and Sue Sieger had attended about this archdiocesan wide effort to raise monies for Catholic education at all levels. The goal is \$110,000,000 with 60% of the money raised staying in the parish where it is raised. The remaining 40% has been specifically designated, by percentages, to various aspects of Catholic education including child, youth and adult formation. It will be launched in three waves with support from fund-raising consultants in each parish. Father Leonard, as a member of the priests' advisory committee to the campaign, said that the process was "in its infancy in terms of development." There was some discussion by the council.

*Pastor's report:* Father Leonard said that priests are expressing concern about the number of parents who do not bring their children to church even though those children may be in the day school or religious education. The total attendance at St William on the last "counting" Sunday in mid-March was down. There was some discussion.

Father Leonard said "Holy Week is upon us" and urged the council members to come.

#### Other business

Jeff Roubik asked about accessibility for emergency vehicles because of those who park outside designated lines. Tom Dougherty spoke about the overabundance of vehicles from the fire department. There was some discussion about people parking where there are no spots; Father Leonard said he had written about this for the bulletin but it makes no difference.

John Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Linda LaBorde so moved, Jeff Roubik seconded and the council agreed by voice vote.

The meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father.

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