

Saint William Parish Council Meeting of March 18, 2009

Present: Father Leonard Barbian (after Stations,) Rick Chiapete, Luanne Corcoran, Mike Culhane, Tom Dougherty, Kevin Flood, Mike Hoge, John Kendellen, Ann Kremel, Anne Mraz, Rebecca Rohde, Jeff Roubik, Paul Seifert, Sue Sieger and Mary Thiel

Excused: Father Jason Lavann, Marcia Slowinski

Sue Sieger called the meeting to order. Paul Seifert led the group in prayer and then all said the parish mission statement together.

The *minutes* of the February 18 meeting were reviewed. Kevin Flood moved to accept them as written; Luanne Corcoran seconded and the council approved them by voice vote.

Parishioner comments: It was fabulous to have the choir at 5 PM Mass.

During *committee reports:*

- . Prayer and worship: Anne Mraz reported that they would not meet again until the new pastor comes.
- . Christian formation: Rick Chiapete reported that the committee had its last meeting of the year with a recap of the year, a conclusion that the relationship with the school is better, and an expressed need for more volunteers.
- . Human concerns: Mary Thiel distributed a copy of what happened in the last month or so; Their next meeting is in May where they will discuss holding a job fair and other means of supporting those who are unemployed. The group is currently selling shares for both the adult mission trip to Beattyville and the youth trip to Racine. Father Leonard distributed the outreach recommendations for the month. Those were reviewed by the council. Kevin Flood moved they be accepted as printed, Tom Dougherty seconded and the council approved by voice vote.
- . Finance/administrative services: Luanne Corcoran reported they had met on 3/17 to review the proposed budget for the next fiscal year (7/1/09-6/30/10.) The committee recommended approval to the parish council. Father Leonard distributed copies of that budget and Luanne walked the council through both the anticipated revenues and the expected expenditures. The revenues are expected to be flat and the expenses have been adjusted accordingly, with a net balance anticipated of \$102.50. Father Leonard remarked during the discussion that followed that Kathy Paulson was retiring at the end of June as parish nurse and that a replacement was being sought. Jeff Roubik moved that the budget be approved as recommended, Paul Seifert seconded and the council approved that motion by voice vote.

Sue Sieger distributed the January comparative financial report in Marcia Slowinski's absence and read Marcia's notes which stated that revenues are still ahead of expenses and that a comparison of week to week shows an increase of 1.4% in income.

During *liaison reports*:

- . Youth: Rebecca Rohde said there were several retreats planned for the next week – The 10th grade retreat is the weekend of 3/21; the senior retreat is also that weekend and the “busy teen” retreat starts the evening of 3/23. She said Box City, to raise awareness of homelessness and raise some funds for Hebron House would be 4/25-4/26. Members of the council asked some questions about that event.

- . Waukesha Catholic: Mike Hoge said the 2/21 dinner dance/auction was very successful. Father Leonard added that they would net more than \$100,000. Mike spoke of their meeting on March 10 where they approved the budget for the next fiscal year with a \$80,000 deficit (to be met by fund-raising.) This is the smallest deficit budgeted in three years. There will be reductions in staffing but not in the classrooms or programming. The faculties of the three campuses made suggestions and will also accept flat salaries for the coming year. The budget assumes 695 students for next year; enrollment is already at 670. The current year has 725-730 students. Waukesha Catholic is working with other parishes in the county to strengthen Catholic schools. Father Leonard spoke about the meeting had occurred earlier in the day, saying that there was a thirst for Catholic education in the county and the goal of the group who gathered was to develop consolidations and partnerships. The council then had some discussion of the staff reductions in the Waukesha Catholic system.

- . Archdiocesan pastoral council: Luanne Corcoran and Sue Sieger had attended a district meeting of this group; Sue said that perhaps 5 parishes were present and no new date was set for another meeting. Father Leonard noted that the APC will die with the leaving of Archbishop Dolan. The new archbishop may recreate it, bring it back in its current form and not have one at all since it is his choice. Father Leonard said the same is true with the priests’ council. This raised some discussion among the council members.

There was *no old business*.

The council had addressed the *new business* with the passing of the budget.

The *pastor’s report*: Father Leonard said the spaghetti supper was very successful; 485 people were served. He said that there is some hope that the priest assignments will be completed before Archbishop Dolan leaves on April 15 but that may not occur. Assignments will be as “parish administrator” rather than “pastor” initially because of canon law while in a transition from one archbishop to another. This comment raised questions among the council members.

There was *no other business*.

Rick Chiapete moved the meeting be adjourned, Kevin Flood seconded and the council approved by voice vote.

The meeting closed with the praying of the Our Father.

recorded by Pat Knuth