

Saint William Parish Council minutes of May 16, 2007 meeting

Present: Father Leonard Barbian, Rick Chiapete, Mike Culhane, Linda Deets, Tom Dougherty, Luke Gesior, Mike Hoge, John Kennedy, Linda LaBorde, Jeff Roubik, Ginny Schuldenberg, Sue Sieger, Marcia Slowinski, Mary Thiel and Paul Trimborn

Excused: Kevin Flood

Visitors: Clare Beglinger, Pam Brilowski, John Kendellen, Dick Roe, Chris Rosecky

Sue Sieger called the meeting to order. Father Leonard led the council in prayer; then all read the mission statement together.

Sue Sieger welcomed the visitors, all of whom are candidates for the council. At her request, the council members introduced themselves and then the candidates introduced themselves.

The *minutes* of the April 18 council meeting were reviewed. John Kennedy moved they be accepted as printed, Tom Dougherty seconded and the council consented.

Under *parishioner comments*:

- . Linda LaBorde said there was a rumor that Archbishop Dolan was going to New York; Father Leonard responded that it had no substance. The Archbishop himself addressed it at the archdiocesan priests' assembly last week.
- . A number of councilors had heard positive comments about Fr Jason LaVann's being assigned to St William as associate pastor.
- . John Kennedy remarked that the orientation process for council candidates had gone well and that the facilitator was clear about the role of the council.

During *committee reports*:

- . Prayer and worship: Linda Deets said they would meet on May 17.
- . Christian formation: Ginny Schuldenberg said there were no more meetings this catechetical year. All of the volunteers working in religious formation have been asked to a celebration the week of May 21.
- . Human concerns: Mary Thiel reported that the May meeting had been cancelled because so few members could attend.
- . Finance/administrative services: Paul Trimborn said the committee would next meet on May 22. Marcia Slowinski then presented the March comparative income/expense reports. She remarked on the increase in revenues as being "fantastic" and said that expenses were under control. The average contribution is up 8.4% over last year at the same time. There were some comments on the report by council members. Father Leonard reminded the council that there would be additional expenses because of the new associate pastor. He also responded that Fr Jason would be living in an apartment, which he had secured that very day, although offered a suite in the rectory (which has a very small bedroom.) He will take meals with Father Leonard.

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During *liaison reports*:

. Youth ministry: Luke Gesior said that 26 teens and 4 adults participated in Box City, raising \$878 for Hebron House. Confirmation on May 11 went very well (Luke himself was confirmed that evening.) The Confirmation orientation session for next year's candidates will be May 20. There will be three mission experiences offered with two occurring during the summer and one for older teens during winter break.

. Waukesha Catholic: Mike Hoge reported on the board meeting of May 8 where they received updates on the actions involved with the strategic plan, had a sneak preview of the video to be used for fund-raising and heard that five members of the board will have completed a term. At their June 7 meeting, they will elect a president and vice president. He also spoke of the May 10 fund raising breakfast at Country Springs which more than 275 people attended. There were wonderful presentations and a total of \$30,000 on average per year over the next five years was pledged. There was some discussion about how St William's was represented on the board. There is one at-large member who serves a three year term and a parish council representative who is chosen year by year.

. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council/district level: Mike Culhane said there was no activity.

Under *old business*:

. Election update: John Kennedy said there were 11 candidates, 8 new and 3 incumbents for the 4 member-at-large positions. There is one candidate for the trustee-secretary position. Some discussion about informing the parish of these candidates followed.

. Golden anniversary: Marcia Slowinski said the sock hop drew about 250 people and was a "fun night." The raffle brought in about \$8000. Father Leonard said that the net profit was \$7000 even though the evening was not meant to be a fundraiser. He also remarked that the followers of the Doo Wap Daddies are what made it a success since it was not widely supported by the parish. Marcia said the second order of Fr Leonard bobble-heads was now in and would be on sale the first weekend in June. The events coming up are the golf outing and the July closing liturgy with Archbishop Dolan. Father Leonard remarked that the golf outing might not happen since interest has not been high and there is expressed distress at the price. There was some discussion.

. Endowment fund: John Kennedy had sent the final document by email to the council members. At this point in the meeting, he gathered the signatures of the council chair, the pastor and one trustee. He will get the signature of the other trustee as soon as possible. The council thanked him for his work on this project.

Under *new business*:

. New member potluck: Sue Sieger reminded the council that this occurs at the June meeting which will begin with the meal at 6 PM. At that meeting, there will also be a selection of officers.

. Parents Place: Sue Sieger read a letter of thanks for the meal hosted by the council at this agency on April 26.

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During *the pastor's report*:

Father Leonard said the canopy was coming along nicely with the masonry work beginning on May 17 with a targeted completion date of the first week in June - as always dependent on the weather.

He said that invitations to parishioners for the July 1 celebration were in the mail. There will be a 3 PM liturgy followed by a reception with dinner at 5:30. Tickets for the dinner will be \$30/person and the menu is wonderful. The presentation of the outreach gifts will also be made at the dinner. He asked council members to "talk it up!" He also said that the time capsule would be installed a bit later because of the desire to include pictures from the July 1 event. He is considering doing that at the same time the canopy is blessed.

. Fr Jason has been appointed as of July 3, because the priest coming in his place at his current parish cannot arrive until then. There will be a reception in June for Fr Jim Lobacz and Fr Curt Frederick in thanks for their service as weekend associates here.

.Father Leonard also remarked that the council should get ready for the archdiocesan capital campaign. St William's will likely be in the first tier of parishes in this fund raising process.

There was no other business.

Sue Sieger asked the candidates if they had any questions; there were none. She thanked them again for coming.

Linda LaBorde moved that the meeting be adjourned, John Kennedy seconded and the council agreed. The meeting closed with the praying of the Lord's Prayer.

recorded by Pat Knuth