

Saint William Parish Council
minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting

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

Excused: Mike Culhane

Sue Sieger called the meeting to order. Mike Hoge led the group in a stewardship prayer. Then the council read the mission statement together.

The minutes of the October 18 meeting were reviewed. Tom Dougherty moved that they be accepted as printed; Mike Hoge seconded and the council concurred.

Under parishioner comments, John Kennedy said he had heard great feedback about Father Leonard's stewardship presentation at the Masses on the first weekend of November. He said Larry Kascht's presentation was also good. Father Leonard said he too had gotten positive feedback.

During committee reports:

. *Prayer and worship*: Linda Deets said there had been no meeting since the last council meeting.

. *Christian formation*: Ginny Schuldenberg reported on two meetings. At the October 12 meeting, the group resolved to seek new members, to have co-chairs of the committee (Father Leonard helped with this process,) and to continue working on more volunteer involvement. The staff members also reported about their work. At the November 9 meeting, there were two new volunteers present who decided to become members of the committee. The group looked at the Generations of Faith process and the staff spoke about ongoing programs and processes.

. *Human concerns*: Mary Thiel reported that the meetings would change in January to the third Tuesday of the month. At their most recent meeting, they discussed hosting the Christmas Clearing Council again this year, heard that Dismas ministry is seeking more volunteers and had a fervent discussion about the interaction with St William's sister parish in Beattyville KY and whether there was a need for a sub-committee for that relationship (there had been one but it faded away a couple of years ago.) There was some council discussion about the nature of the relationship with the sister parish.

Mary Thiel then asked for approval of the outreach recommendations that had been distributed to the council. John Kennedy moved that they be accepted; Marcia Slowinski seconded and the council approved unanimously by voice vote.

. *Finance/administrative services*: Paul Trimborn spoke about some of the items on the agenda for this committee's November 21st meeting. Marcia Slowinski said that the financial reports for October were not back from the accountant.

During liaison reports:

. *Youth*: Luke Gesior said the youth board had finalized the plans for the Lenten collection. He also said that there would be a food fast in March for the youth of the cluster parishes, sponsored by St William. Father Leonard spoke about the difficulties in doing any cluster youth activities because of the lack of full time youth ministers at the other three parishes.

. *Waukesha Catholic*: Mike Hoge reported on the 11/14 meeting of that board. They approved the updates to their bylaws, watched a video and had some discussion about third source funding and heard about a number of events that will be kicked off in the next few weeks with development as a focus. They heard some early plans for Catholic Schools Week the end of January. He said there were 733 students enrolled at the three campuses this year, slightly up from last year. They next meet on January 23. John Kennedy asked about the donor list in the most recent Waukesha Catholic newsletter, especially why St William was the only parish listed. Mike Hoge said he would look into it.

Under old business:

, *Stewardship feedback*: Father Leonard said overall remarks were very positive but he did receive negative letters as well. He then spoke about the computer error which caused the interim financial statements to be incorrect. The solution is to have six months' of envelope receipts reentered which means that no reports will be available until the end of the year. There have been few pledge cards returned. There was some discussion by the council of the issue.

. *Endowment fund*: John Kennedy said that the committee had some questions about aspects of the document being developed. The Archdiocese asked for those to be sent by email, which has been done. Once they are answered, then the finalization of the document can occur. It is the committee's hope that it will be ready by mid-December.

. *Raffle committee* (added to the agenda at Tom Dougherty's request:) Tom Dougherty said that the raffle has been changed to fall, that all the prizes are monetary and that will mean higher expenses since, in the past, many prizes were donated. There will be interim drawings with a \$500 prize each time \$10,000 of tickets are sold. The receipts will need to exceed \$40,000 to have the same net as last year (\$31,500.) There was some council discussion.

During new business:

Sue Sieger made note of several events happening in December - the December 3 afternoon of reflection, the children's Christmas program on December 17 & 18 involving day school and CF students and the council Christmas party at the rectory on December 9. She sent around a sheet so people could indicate they were coming to the latter. Father Leonard emphasized coming to the afternoon of reflection, that council members not only come but talk it up as well. He also reminded the council that this was not a CF event but rather part of the 50th anniversary celebration.

During the pastor's report:

Father Leonard said the footings for the canopy would be put in beginning November 20. He reported that 54 people had signed up for the charter members' luncheon on December 5th. The Cornerstone Society has pledges of \$176,000 and approximately \$84,000 of that is

in. He spoke about the 50th anniversary wine. Marcia Slowinski added that 5 varieties of the wine could be ordered at hospitality weekend, where there would be a tasting. She also said that the spirit wear was in and would be available that weekend as well. Father added that there would be a commemorative ornament available at the hospitality weekend in December.

There being no other business, John Kennedy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Linda Deets seconded and the meeting closed with praying the Our Father together. Then the council enjoyed treats baked by Mary Thiel.

recorded by Pat Knuth