

Saint William Parish Council meeting of September 20, 2006

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

Excused: Bill Kelly, Jeff Roubik

Sue Sieger called the meeting to order. Ginny Schuldenberg led the group in prayer and all read the mission statement together.

The minutes of the August 16 meeting were reviewed. Sue Sieger pointed out that Luke Gesior's name was spelled incorrectly on both the August agenda and in the minutes. With that correction John Kennedy moved the minutes be accepted, Tom Dougherty seconded and the council concurred.

During parishioner comments, Linda Deets said a parishioner who walks to church had asked if it were possible to have a walkway along the driveway(s) to the city sidewalk; the parishioner feels unsafe with all the cars moving through that area. After clarification and discussion, this idea was set aside.

Committee reports:

Prayer and Worship: Linda Deets said the committee would not meet until October.

Christian Formation: Ginny Schuldenberg reported on the September 14 meeting. Cindy Bergland, adult and family minister, spoke about scripture study, the fall service day, Soup with Substance, the RCIA process, Wisdom community bingo and other ongoing programs. Kay Hokans, child minister, reported that there were several new catechists and that there is a new spiral curriculum in place this year. She and Charlotte Villwock, music minister, are working on a Christmas play. There is a need for more Liturgy of the Word leaders. Again this year, there will be two service projects for students. Barb Gawlik, youth minister, was unable to be at the meeting but sent a report about the orientation process for youth ministry, the 90 students from St Joe's and St William's that are part of the Confirmation process and a district event for youth. There were some comments from the council about aspects of Ginny's report. The Christian Formation committee next meets on October 12.

Human Concerns: Mary Thiel reported that their September meeting was cancelled. They will next meet on October 2. Life Chain is the day before and council members were encouraged to invite others to take part in that metropolitan-wide event. There was some discussion about the meeting date because Father Leonard would like to attend these meetings occasionally.

Finance/administrative services: Paul Trimborn reported on the meeting of September 19. The committee heard about the results of the Cornerstone Society pledges, heard that the final blueprints for the canopy had been delivered and heard about the flood damage

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from a storm in July and what still needs to be done. They also heard that new carpeting will be installed in the sanctuary, sacristy and the hallway outside of the music minister's office sometime this month. They approved a number of projects that are immediate: the purchase of a new cooler and freezer for the gym, a new security system for the school, a new sound system for the gym and new carpeting for the parish hall and the areas adjacent to it. Their next meeting is November 21. There were comments about these projects including Father Leonard noting that much of this was replacing original equipment which has simply worn out.

Marcia Slowinski then spoke about the financial report for the first two months of the fiscal year which she had distributed to the council members. She remarked that income was slightly up again against last year and the expenses were not truly comparable to last year because of the costs of the roofs in last year's budget. There were some questions and comments from members.

Sue Sieger called the council's attention to the recommendations for outreach monies that had been distributed. There was some discussion about how the committee functions and about the specific recommendations. After review, John Kennedy moved that the recommendations be accepted as presented, Kevin Flood seconded and the council agreed.

During liaison reports:

Youth: Luke Gesior said that there had been no youth board meeting but that the Confirmation process had begun and that they were seeking service projects. He remarked that he had been asked about the youth getting involved in selling raffle tickets which he did not think would work for a variety of reasons.

Waukesha Catholic School Board: Mike Hoge said that the first meeting would be 9/26.

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council: Mike Culhane said he had heard nothing.

Under old business:

Picnic: Father Leonard said it was a big success. The one downside was that only 400 of the 500 people who signed up for the meal came. It was a nice afternoon and a good time was had by all. It is likely there will be no picnic next year because of the anniversary celebration on July 1. It is also possible that Good Times may no longer be able to host outside groups because of insurance limitations. Council members commented positively on the picnic.

Church anniversary update: Father Leonard said that, as Paul Trimborn reported, the final blueprints were here for the canopy, that members of the committee are now seeking local and state approval for the structure and that the foundations would be put in this fall to avoid having to wait for frost to leave the ground in spring. There will be a charter member luncheon at Country Springs on December 5. The recognition dinner for those who contributed \$1000 or more will be at Country Springs on February 14. The sock hop be opened in 2057. There were some comments about these events from the council. Then Marcia Slowinski, as a member of the 50th anniversary committee, spoke about the "spirit" wear that would be available for purchase as well as a Christmas tree ornament

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commemorating the anniversary that could be purchased. She and Father said there would be other things as well. Council members made other suggestions for possibilities.

Hispanic ministry: Mike Culhane reported on this cluster-wide group's meeting of August 29. He said that because of the input of two new members from St Joseph's, the pastor and one of deacons, the group has redirected its energies. They are rethinking whether the Sunday evening Mass should be moved to St Mary's from St Joseph's and overall want to give the new pastor, Father Bill Key, time to settle in and assess needs before proceeding. Their next meeting is in February. Father Leonard noted that the original directive from the Archdiocese had been for a county-wide Hispanic ministry and that here in the city Hispanics preferred to continue to go to St Joseph's for meeting their needs. There is more of a need in other parts of the county for a coordinated ministry.

Under new business:

Day of reflection: Sue Sieger said that this morning event for council and staff is February 17. A facilitator is still being sought.

Father Leonard said he had nothing more to say for the pastor's report, having covered it in other parts of the meeting.

Other business:

Sue Sieger announced that Bill Kelly had resigned from the council for medical reasons. She left a message for the candidate in the spring election who received the next number of votes but had not yet had a response.

Ginny Schuldenberg asked about the Campanile Society because she had received an invitation to a dinner in October. Father Leonard responded that this was for those who had given a certain amount or more to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal.

Sue Sieger said that John Kennedy would take pictures of new councilors after the meeting.

Marcia Slowinski moved that the meeting be adjourned; Ginny Schuldenberg seconded and the council agreed.

The council then prayed the Our Father together.

Recorded by Pat Knuth