

Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting
Minutes from January 18, 2012
(Subject to approval)

Present: Fr. Charlie Conley, Mary Pat Jacoby (chair), Art Montgomery (vice-chair), Mike Maranan (youth representative), Paul Maranan, Bill Flood, Tricia O'Neil, David Bednarek, Paul Lorenz, Steve Hushek, Mary Sowinski

Excused: Catherine Rose Bryant (secretary), Gary Ruesch, Tom Mullooly, Terry Rice, Paul Szews, Mary Garcia-Valez,

Call to order at 7pm by Mary Pat Jacoby. Opening prayer was led by Fr. Charlie, who included intentions for Fr. Peter Carek, who has been recently hospitalized and will be transferred shortly to hospice.

The Council approved the minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting. Council members had not received the November 16, 2011 meeting minutes, which will be offered for approval at the February meeting.

Chair's Report – Mary Pat Jacoby brought to the Council's attention that with the recent establishment of two new committees – Development and Communications – we are in need of parish council liaisons for these committees.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Charlie reported that the hiring of Sandy Winard as Director of Administrative Services has been very positive. He wished to once again thank the search committee. The farewell/thank-you reception for Kim Muench went well. Kim served St. Jude faithfully for 20 years prior to accepting a position at Alverno College. Fr. Charlie is leading a review of the open position and the needs of the parish before pursuing a replacement for Kim. In the interim, parishioner Kevin Hughes has filled the position on a half-time basis.

Faith Formation – Fr. Charlie led the discussion of Chapters 8 - 21 of "Why Stay Catholic?", covering a wide range of faith items, including the roles and values of personal and traditional prayers, Church-made obligations (e.g. meatless Friday), and the clergy/faithful's understanding and application of Church-made rules over time.

Finance Committee Report – Mary Pat shared a few items from the last finance Committee meeting: (1) Revenue/expenses are tracking well with the approved budget; (2) The early stages of the gym/activity center debt elimination effort have resulted in sufficient funds to pay 7.09 months of mortgage payments. Pledges and commitments extend beyond this, and efforts continue; (3) Refinancing of the debt is nearing completion, which is expected to result in significant savings; (4) The committee plans to present a draft budget for fiscal year 2013 to the parish council for approval by no later than the March meeting; (5) The archdiocese completed a financial review of the parish books and the report was very good. A few recommendations were made which the finance committee has either already implemented or are in the process of implementing.

Staff Reports

Principal's Report – Council members had not received Catherine LaDien's report prior to the meeting.

Religious Education – Council members had not received Gary Heun's report prior to the meeting.

Liaison Reports

Nominating Committee – Mary Sowinski reports that Paul Maranan, Paul Szews, Sarah Jane Kennedy, and Lee Horlitz will join her on the committee. Elections will be held May 19 and 20, 2012.

Human Concerns – Paul Maranan reported highly successful collections of goods for Christ Society, Fr. Gene's Help Center, and the Benedict Center. The committee will consider allocations of the outreach collection funds at its January 30 meeting.

Men of St. Jude – Bill Flood reported on the annual casino night, held January 13, 2012. A number of new faces joined the fun this year and it is expected that when the final report is provided that the event will prove to once again be a success on the fundraising end as well.

Building and Grounds – Paul Lorenz reported that the new lighting on the church façade is in place. The repairs to the Church roof came in well below the high end estimate because there was no need to replace the insulation.

Apostolic Parish Council – Art Montgomery provided the minutes of the November meeting of District 12 Apostolic Parish Council meeting. A number of issues were discussed and it was decided to include the report with these minutes.

New Business – Deferred to February 15 meeting.

Closing prayer was led by Bill Flood. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Art Montgomery, Vice-Chair, for Catherine Rose Bryant, Secretary

Note: If you have an idea or a concern that you would like to the Parish Council to consider, please contact any member: Mary Pat Jacoby (chair) (303-5153), Art Montgomery (vice-chair) (476-3298), Catherine Bryant (secretary) (262-923-7159), Mike Maranan (youth rep.) (258-7212), Bill Flood (665-6301 wk or 208-6284 cell), Gary Ruesch (453-6468), Mary Sowinski (453-3879), Paul Szews, Mary Garcia-Velez (258-6977), Tricia O'Neil (262-424-6814), David Bednarek (475-5341), Paul Lorenz (476-8111), Paul Maranan (258-7212), Steve Hushek (763-3634)