

## Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes from April 13, 2011

(Subject to approval)

**Present:** Fr. Charlie Conley, Mary Pat Ninneman (chair), Mary Sowinski, Paul Szews, Bill Hilbert, Andy Boettcher (secretary), Steve Berg (youth representative), John Lauber, Bill Flood, Gary Ruesch, Larry Burnett, Catherine Bryant, Art Montgomery,

**Excused:** Mona DeGuzman, Sarah Trotter (vice-chair), Mary Garcia-Valez,

Call to order at 7:05 PM by Mary Pat Ninneman. Opening prayer was led by Mary Sowinski

Minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting were approved.

**Pastor's Report** – Fr. Charlie reported that the recent collection taken for Caritas Japan brought in \$4056.56. In addition, \$1902.82 was collected for our Youth Mission Trip on the following Sunday. Thanks to all for their generosity! Fr. Charlie encouraged everyone to participate fully in the Easter Triduum. Volunteers are still needed for the Holy Thursday feet washing. Sr. Frances Cunningham, OSF, has been invited to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the possibility of twinning with a sister parish in Tanzania.

**Chair's Report** – Mary Pat Ninneman reported on the progress of our RCIA candidates as we are approaching the Easter Vigil where they will be welcomed into the Church. The candidates went to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election, with Archbishop ListECKI presiding, on March 20, followed by a pizza party at the rectory. Our high school candidates will be confirmed by Bishop Sklba on May 5 at St. Jude.

**Finance Committee Report** – John Lauber reported that the Finance Committee, Lynn Musolf and Catherine Ladien have been working hard to prepare a budget for next year. The Finance Committee has approved a 2012 budget and it is balanced! John presented the budget to the Parish Council for approval which was granted. John explained our stewardship plan moving forward. The plan has been designed to help us transition the funding model for the Activity Center. From its construction, this has been funded through a debt reduction campaign model and will now be funded from our operating budget. The multifaceted stewardship plan will make this possible. The council also had a discussion about how to generally encourage more parishioner involvement in the Parish. Additionally, the council discussed how to keep school families involved once their children have matriculated.

### Staff Reports

**Religious Education** – Gary Heun reported, via email, that First Communion and Confirmation preparations are going very well. On May 5, Bishop Sklba will confirm the candidates from St. Jude, Blessed Savior, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent Pallotti. Gary reported that while most of the catechists are returning next year, more volunteers will be needed due to the growing enrollment. Twelve new families have registered with the parish since the last Parish Council meeting.

### Liaison Reports

**Building and Grounds** – Bill Hilbert reported on the structure by which the B & G Committee reports up through the Finance Committee. All projects approved by B & G are sent to the Finance Committee for its approval before implementation. The B & G Committee has developed a master plan of future projects (not including emergency items), including

- Ongoing Expenses
  - Heating and Cooling maintenance agreement \$34,332
  - Snow removal \$20,000
  - Roofing maintenance agreement \$2,000

- Long Range Projects
  - Main Church Roof est. \$200,000
  - Stain Glass window restoration \$165,000
  - Work on the canopy over the crucifix behind the altar \$60,000
- Short Range Future Projects
  - Repair seal coat of the strip parking lot \$27,000
  - Urinal replacement in school \$25,000

There are a number of other future projects being considered, with an approximate total cost of \$30,000, including: security cameras, repair of the rectory shower, lighting in rectory bedrooms, church duct cleaning, regulation of the heat and air in the church, repair of stones in the northeast parking lot, renovation of the west entrance to the gym, repair of several doors, seal coating of the front church porch, lawn and shrub work around the campus, replacement of the front rectory sidewalk, painting of walls in the main sacristy, and a hand rail for new walk from rectory.

**Human Concerns** – Mary Sowinski reported that there were more than 60 attendees at Fr. Juvenalis' Lenten presentation. Human Concerns distributed the Habitat for Humanity "houses" for Lenten almsgiving. Judy Richlein chaired the annual "Baby Shower" to collect items for new mothers in need.

**Women of St. Jude** – Sarah Trotter reported, via email, that the Women of St. Jude have received applications for the Christian Award. The Committee will review the applications in May and announce the award in June. The Mother/Daughter Breakfast will be held on Sunday May 22. In the mid-March, the Thrift Shop changed over from winter to spring, and had a very successful Grand Opening for the Spring and Summer Collection. The Thrift Shop can always use additional volunteers. The "Relax, Renew, Recharge" event for April 14 has been cancelled due to a low response, but will be rescheduled in the fall.

**Nomination Committee:** Larry Burnett reported that we have completed the nomination process for Parish Council. We have 6 adults and 1 youth who have accepted their nominations. The Council discussed how to encourage more people to run. Thanks to Larry Burnett, Bill Flood, Lee Horlitz and Mary Pat Ninneman for serving on this committee. The committee will hold a meeting for the nominees on April 14 to educate them about the role of the Parish Council. Nominee pictures and biographies will be in the bulletin the week after Easter.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

Closing prayer led by Mary Sowinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Boettcher, Secretary

Note: If you have an idea or a concern that you would like to the Parish Council to consider, please contact the chair or vice-chair or any member: Steve Berg (youth representative) (793-9356), Andy Boettcher (secretary) (453-2035), Catherine Bryant (727-4077), Larry Burnett, Mona DeGuzman, Bill Flood (665-6301 wk or 208-6284 cell), Bill Hilbert (257-0135), John Lauber (453-3355), Art Montgomery (476-3298), Mary Pat Ninneman (chair) (545-0638 or 303-5153), Terry Rice, Gary Ruesch (453-6468), Mary Sowinski (453-3879), Paul Szews, Sarah Trotter (vice-chair) (475-0712), Mary Garcia-Velez (258-6977).