

## Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes from June 15, 2011

(Subject to approval)

**Present:** Fr. Charlie Conley, Mary Pat Ninneman (chair), Andy Boettcher (secretary), Bill Flood, Gary Ruesch, Art Montgomery, Sarah Trotter (vice-chair), Catherine Rose Bryant, Mary Sowinski, Paul Maranan, Larry Burnett, Paul Szews, Bill Hilbert, Lynn Musolf, Tricia O'Neil, David Bednarek, Paul Lorenz

**Excused:** Mona DeGuzman, Steve Berg (youth representative), John Lauber, Mary Garcia-Valez, Mike Maranan (youth representative), Steve Hushek,

Prior to the Parish Council Meeting, Sr. Frances Cunningham, SSSF, and Elizabeth Howayeck from the Office for World Mission spoke to the Parish Council and Human Concerns Committee about twinning with a parish in Tanzania. They presented information about developing relationships between twin parishes and the need to have the whole parish involved.

Call to order at 7:04 pm by Mary Pat Ninneman. Opening prayer was led by Sarah Trotter.

Minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting were approved.

**Chair's Report** – Mary Pat Ninneman welcomed the new members and presented an overview of the Parish Council's operations.

**Pastor's Report** – Fr. Charlie welcomed the new Council members and thanked the departing members for their service. Father thanked Ken Kortas, the Golf Committee and all who supported or sponsored the Golf Outing this year. Father thanked the Women of St. Jude and Anna Ruckert for their marvelous contribution of \$49,000 from the Thrift Shop proceeds. Father announced that John Lauber will be stepping down as Chairperson of the Finance Committee at the end of this month. He has served on the committee for nine years and has been the Chairperson for six years. Fr. Charlie thanked John for his many years of selfless service. Father also thanked Tom Mullooly who will be taking over as the Chairperson. Receptions for Fr. Juvenalis will be held after each of the masses on June 25 and 26.

**Finance Committee Report** – Gary Ruesch reported that the Finance Committee is projecting a \$4,500 surplus for the fiscal year, which closes at the end of June. Gary reported that responses to the Bridge to the Future campaign are strong. The Bridge Campaign is part of our efforts to help transition our Activity Center funding model from debt reduction campaigns to an operating budget model. This was part of the multifaceted stewardship approach that was approved by the Finance Committee and is currently being implemented.

### Staff Reports

**Principal's Report** – Catherine LaDien reported via email that High Interest Day was another great success. Students attended sessions focused on cooking, sports, science, and the arts. This year a service component was added to the day. Thanks to the many parent chairpersons and volunteers.

An all-school graduation recognition and Rite of Passage Liturgy was held June 2. At that time, the current 7th graders were asked to step forward and assume their roles as school leaders for the 2011 - 2012 school year. Following prayers, the students were challenged to do their best and set an example for all other students to follow. Graduation for the class of 2011 was held Friday, June 3. A dinner and dance followed the liturgy. This year, 34 students graduated from Saint Jude School.

At the final school liturgy prayer service, individuals were recognized for their years of service to Saint Jude the Apostle School: Sr. Madelyn Sullivan - 30 years; Paula Bond - 10 years; Elizabeth Krueger - 10 years. Very special recognition was given to Sr. Madelyn who is retiring this year. Including her years at Saint Jude, Sr. Madelyn has spent over fifty years in the field of education. Sister plans to return next year as one of our substitute teachers.

Additional departures include Christina Herrera, who will be returning to California, and Becca King, who is moving to the Madison area to be closer to her family. Mary Madigan now will be the full-time 4th grade teacher. Claudia Schweitz has been hired as the 5th grade teacher and Nancy Bagley has been hired to teach the kindergarten level and to assume responsibilities in the school library.

Parent/Student handbooks for the 2011 - 2012 school year will be available in July. Parents will be able to access this document as a file online on the administration page at [www.yourclasspage.com](http://www.yourclasspage.com).

We anticipate enrollment for the 2011 - 2012 school year to be approaching the 500 mark in 3K through grade 8. A new section for 5K full-day is being added for the upcoming year. Saint Jude School continues to focus on keeping current with the latest advances in technology as they relate to the field of education. In addition to procuring additional Smartboards as funds become available, we will also be purchasing an iPad lab for use with all students from K4 through grade 8. Those who are interested are invited to make donations to our Technology Fund to help purchase additional SmartBoards and iPads.

**Religious Education** – Gary Heun reported via email that registrations are coming in at a good pace. There is currently a need for co-teachers for 2nd and 8th grades and for 3 or 4 small-group leaders for confirmation. Since the last Council meeting, 6 new families have joined the parish and more are scheduled.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Human Concerns** – Mary Sowinski reported that the Rose Sale was less successful than previous years due to overlap with First Communion. Similarly, results for the Habitat for Humanity collection were very poor, possibly due to the other Lenten activities conducted by the school. The Committee will coordinate Lenten activities with the school next year.

**Women of St. Jude** – Sarah Trotter reported that the Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Breakfast was held Sunday May 22. Thanks to Tricia O’Neil for organizing this fun event. The Thank-You Luncheon for all the Women of St. Jude volunteers was held Sunday, June 12, and about 35 people attended. The Women of St. Jude presented Fr. Charlie a \$49,000 check - proceeds from the Thrift Shop - and awarded two \$1,000 Christian Awards to Charlie Elliott and Amy Fangmann. The Women of St. Jude will take a break over the summer and is planning another “Relax, Renew, Recharge” event and resumption of monthly restaurant gatherings sometime in the fall.

**Building and Grounds** – Bill Hilbert reported that the parking lots will be completely redone this summer.

**New Business** – Paul Szews raised the issue of use of missalettes at Mass. There are currently a limited number available in the back of the church, for use by those with hearing difficulties. We are all encouraged to listen attentively to the Mass readings and prayers, rather than follow along in a missalette.

The results of the Parish Council Officers election were Mary Pat Ninneman reelected Chair, Art Montgomery elected Vice Chair, and Catherine Rose Bryant elected Secretary. Congratulations to the new Officers!

Closing prayer was led by Sarah Trotter. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 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 any member: Mike Maranan (youth rep.) (258-7212), Catherine Bryant (secretary) (727-4077), Bill Flood (665-6301 wk or 208-6284 cell), Art Montgomery (vice-chair) (476-3298), Mary Pat Ninneman (chair) (303-5153), Terry Rice, 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)