

Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting
Minutes from September 21, 2011
(Subject to approval)

Present: Fr. Charlie Conley, Mary Pat Ninneman (chair), Art Montgomery (vice-chair), Catherine Rose Bryant (secretary), Mike Maranan (youth representative), Paul Maranan, Bill Flood, Gary Ruesch, Paul Szews, Tricia O'Neil, David Bednarek, Paul Lorenz, Mary Garcia-Valez, Steve Hushek

Excused: Mary Sowinski, Terry Rice, Tom Mullooly

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

Minutes of the June 15th, 2011 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report – Mary Pat Ninneman again welcomed the new members and circulated a sign-up sheet for leading the meeting prayers. See the attached document. Mary Pat will provide a list of committees at the next meeting so liaisons can be assigned.

Pastor's Report – Lynn Musolf is resigning her position as Parish Administrator effective in November. Gary Ruesch moved that the council draw up a resolution of appreciation for Lynn's eighteen years of watchful service. He will send a draft to the council members. A search committee (Terry Rice, Catherine LaDien, Lee Horlitz, and Peggy Niemer) is reviewing resumes for Lynn's replacement.

The parish trustees and Father Charlie have expanded Catherine LaDien's role to include President of the school. Her new responsibilities will include more fiscal decision-making and fund raising.

Father Charlie shared with council members the book "Why Stay Catholic" by Michael Leach, for use by the Council in its Christian formation discussions.

Finance Committee Report – We ended our fiscal year in the black with \$2,126, reflecting the efforts of many of our parish members. Our new bookkeeper, Melinda Morris, has been doing a great job and Fr. Charlie expressed his deep appreciation.

Father Charlie reported that the response to the Bridging the Gap fund has been good and efforts are continuing. Ms. LaDien will be working with various organizations, such as the Athletic Association, on ways to meet our mortgage payments.

Staff Reports

Principal's Report – Catherine LaDien reported that current enrollment is at 483 students, and an additional 5K classroom has been opened. Newly donated Smart Boards have been installed in several rooms, including the Activity Center. iPads have been purchased for use throughout the school. Technology fund gifts are still being gratefully received.

Religious Education – Gary Huen's reported that 20 families have registered with the parish since the June meeting. Religious Education enrollment is currently at 130, the largest we have had. Fr. Charlie was pleased to see the large Confirmation Class at the 11am Mass.

Liaison Reports

RCIA – Mary Pat Ninneman reported that we currently have two candidates enrolled in our RCIA program, which will begin October 16, 2011. Mary Pat and Mary Jane Horlitz appreciate Fr. Charlie's recommendation of "Path Through Catholicism" for use with the candidates and catechumens.

Human Concerns – Art Montgomery reported that Mary Jo Mance and JoAnne Maranan, the two new co-chairs, are focusing on how to increase parishioners' involvement in the committee's work.

Paul Maranan reported that on November 15, Human Concerns will sponsor Sr. Joseph Marie Flynn, SSND, chair of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Justice for Immigrants Committee, member of the Global Justice and Peace Commission, and author of "Rescuing Regina: The Battle to Save a Friend from Deportation and Death".

Youth Representative – Mike Maranan reported that several Boy Scouts are camping at High Cliff this weekend. Wreath sales will be starting soon. Brandon Montgomery's Eagle Scout Project to enable the three islands in the west parking lot to support plant life, is scheduled for completion by the end of October or next Spring. Parish involvement (talent and treasure) is sought.

The Boy Scouts Court of Honor, including ages ranging from new scouts to eighteen-year-olds, recognized George Drakopoulos as Eagle Scout, the first in twenty years. Art Montgomery's leadership has given new life to scouting efforts.

Men of St. Jude – Bill Flood reported that the committee will meet in the next five or six weeks to organize Casino night. The Annual Golf outing was held in June.

Building and Grounds – Paul Lorenz reported on the parking lot repaving project. The results look fabulous. Doors in the church and community center have been repaired and several new doors were installed. The committee is grateful for Rick Anderson's help.

Replacement of the church roof, which is over 20 years old, has gone out for bid.

New Business

The Autumn Gala is October 22. Invitations and announcements have gone out. Parish Council will donate an auction item.

Catherine Rose Bryant shared the concept of acknowledging volunteer hours used by parishes such as St. Bernard's. Catherine will get more information about the program from St. Bernard's. Catherine also reported that Ms. LaDien may hold computer classes, such as Basic Computing Skills, for adults in the school's Computer Lab. Catherine will report on further development after she meets with Ms. LaDien.

Mary Garcia Valez shared information on World Wide Hunger Relief, from October 16-19 at State Fair Park, which will send meals to Haiti. Mary will send more information to council members by email.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Charlie. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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: Mike Maranan (youth rep.) (258-7212), Catherine Bryant (secretary) (262.923.7159), 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)