

**Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting**  
**Minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, Gary Ruesch, Paul Szews, Tricia O'Neil, David Bednarek, Paul Lorenz, Mary Garcia-Velez, Steve Hushek, Mary Sowinski

**Excused:** Bill Flood

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

Minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 meeting were approved.

**Chair's Report** – Mary Pat Ninneman circulated a list of committees for parish council members to volunteer as liaisons on those committees. Art Montgomery, as chair, is delegate to the APC. Another parish council member would traditionally accompany him.

Mary Sowinski agreed to chair the Election Committee for Parish Council elections to be held in May 2012. The committee should be comprised of two parish council members (not running for reelection) and two parishioners. The next meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup>, after the Annual Meeting. There will be no meeting in December.

**Pastor's Report** – Fr. Charlie thanked everyone who is working on the gala, especially Liz & Larry Fehring and Lisa & John Bevington.

Lynn Musolf's last day is November 4<sup>th</sup>. The parish is holding a going away reception next Wednesday from 5:30pm to 8pm. The thank you proclamation for Lynn was submitted from Gary Ruesch and approved. It will be presented to her at the reception and a copy will be placed in the bulletin.

Stemming from the Needs Assessment Process we now have two new standing committees. Jen Rentmeister is chairing the Communication Committee. Jodi Keller is chairing the Development Committee. Father, Catherine LaDien and Kim Muensch met with chairs to strategize on ways to retire the debt for the Activity Center. The Athletic Association will be involved in those efforts. That campaign will kick off at the end of October. All new & current families will get letters with information on the campaign as well as pledge cards. Representatives from the Communications Committee and parish families will call to confirm receipt of the letters. Volunteers from parish council are requested as well.

The church roof will be replaced in November.

Father led a discussion on several chapters of 'Why Stay Catholic' focusing on the sacramental aspect of daily life.

**Finance Committee Report** – Our end of year report confirms what was reported last meeting. Many expenses were reduced in the last fiscal year. We received the report on the audit to determine compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines. The report was positive. Areas of potential improvement were reporting and communication.

### **Staff Reports**

**Principal's Report** – Catherine LaDien's report is included. The school is forming a Helping hands committee to assist with family crisis situations. There will also be a new Welcoming Committee.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the Archdiocesan accreditation will take place.

Previously members of the Student Council were elected. This year it will be held as an open group with seven leaders, so that any who are interested can participate.

**Religious Education** – Gary Heun's report is attached.

## **Liaison Reports**

**RCIA** – Mary Pat Ninneman reported that RCIA got off to a good start last weekend. There are seven candidates.

**Human Concerns** – Art Montgomery reported that Human Concerns spoke to the confirmation class about the history of the committee and opportunities for their involvement.

**Building and Grounds** – Paul Lorenz reported that Jim Ward, parish member, owner of Aardvark Landscape, has agreed to provide all grass cutting in 2012 as part of his contribution. The old flagpole has been removed. It will be replaced with a new aluminum pole.

**New Business** – The annual Bereavement Breakfast will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass. Parish Council members serve the meal. It needs to be determined who will plan the event in the future. This can be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

Closing prayer was led by Paul Szews. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 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: Mary Pat Ninneman (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)