

Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting
Minutes from November 16, 2011
(Subject to approval)

Present: Mary Pat Ninneman (chair), Art Montgomery (vice-chair), Catherine Rose Bryant (secretary), Mike Maranan (youth representative), Paul Maranan, Gary Ruesch, Bill Flood, Tricia O'Neil, David Bednarek, Paul Lorenz, Steve Hushek, Mary Sowinski, Tom Mullooly, Terry Rice.

Excused: Paul Szews, Fr. Charlie Conley, Mary Garcia-Valez

Call to order at 8:44 pm by Mary Pat Ninneman.

Approval of the minutes from October 19, 2011 were postponed until next meeting.

Chair Report – Mary Pat Ninneman noted that this meeting would be brief due to the Annual parish meeting held tonight.

Finance Committee Report – Tom Mullooly reported that there was no November Finance Committee meeting. The meeting in October focused on the debt campaign. The Committee wished to thank Lee Horlitz for all of his work on the audit and for the parish as a whole. The Committee also asks for support for Sandy Winard in her new position as Parish Administrator and for everyone's patience during the transition.

Staff Reports

Principal's Report –The Archdiocesan Accreditation took place in October. It was successful and St. Jude School will be recommended for full accreditation, thanks to the efforts of the staff and many volunteers, including those participating in the interviews. All parishioners are invited to attend a special "Coffee with the Principal" on December 8. The 5th graders and their teachers are spearheading a Thanksgiving food drive throughout the school. Open House for prospective new school parents is scheduled for November 17.

Religious Education – Gary Heun recognized the many volunteers and teachers for both the elementary and high school religious education programs. A retreat was held last month for 8th graders at the Tyme Out Center. Gary was impressed with the participation and enthusiasm of the class. The confirmation class is scheduled for a retreat in the near future. Five new families have joined the parish since our October meeting.

Liaison Reports

RCIA – Mary Pat Ninneman reported that attendance is up to eight. The class is progressing well.

Human Concerns – Art Montgomery reported on the well-attended talk given by Sister Josephe Marie Flynn, SSND Chairperson, Justice for Immigrants, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, on her book "Saving Regina". This powerful speaker put a Catholic face on the issue of immigration.

Youth Representative – There was nothing new to report.

Athletic Association – Mike Maranen will be taking over CYM basketball. There will be four teams this year.

Men of St. Jude – Bill Flood will get an update on Casino Night, currently scheduled for January 13, and report at the next meeting.

Women of St. Jude – There was no report.

Building and Grounds – Paul Lorenz reported that fall cleanup was completed over two Saturdays. About a dozen adults and twenty school children participated. The new flagpole is ready to be installed in the coming week. Security for the rectory is under consideration. The roof work has been begun on the church earlier than initially planned due to mild weather and is expected to be completed soon.

New Business – The following are postponed until next meeting: APC meeting report, faith formation, and Bereavement Breakfast report and plans for the future. The council members are to read Chapters 8-21 of the book "Why Stay Catholic?" before the next council meeting scheduled for January 18, 2012.

Closing prayer was led by Gary Ruesch. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 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)