

**Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting**  
**Minutes from May 16, 2012**  
**(Subject to approval)**

**Present:** Fr. Charles Conley, Mary Pat Jacoby (Chair), Art Montgomery (Vice-Chair), Catherine Rose Bryant (Secretary), David Bednarek, Bill Flood, Steve Hushek, Paul Lorenz, Mary Garcia-Velez, Paul Maranan, Mary Sowinski, Paul Szews.

**Excused:** Mike Maranan (youth representative), Tricia O'Neil, Gary Ruesch.

Call to order at 7:04 pm by Mary Pat Jacoby. Opening prayer was led by Mary Pat (the Hail Mary in honor of our Holy Mother's sacred month).

Minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting were approved.

**Chair's Report** – Mary Pat Jacoby reported that we will welcome newly elected parish council members at our next meeting. We traditionally have a small reception with members bringing the refreshments. Mary Pat asked if council members would read the description of the three positions (chair, vice-chair, and secretary) before the next meeting in preparation for election of officers at the next meeting. All present, including in-coming and out-going members are eligible to vote.

**Pastor's Report** – Fr. Charlie Conley thanked Mary Sowinski and her committee for their work on the parish council nominations and elections. He also reminded everyone about the St. Jude Stampede on June 8. There will be the walk and run, food, drinks and entertainment—a big St. Jude block party. Volunteers are still needed. Father announced that Tom Puerferst, who is working on his degree at Marquette in preparation for entering the seminary, is now living in the rectory. Bishop Sklba had contacted Father in February hoping to coordinate a place for Tom to stay. The Religious Education Mass and banquet was held last Monday. There was a good turnout and everyone very much enjoyed it. Many thanks to Gary Huen and all the instructors and volunteers who make the program possible. Confirmation was held at St. Vincent Pallotti, and it was a magnificent experience. Congratulations to all of our confirmands. The Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky will be June 10-16. Ham sales to support the trip will be held after all three Masses this coming weekend. The proceeds from the Mother's Day Rose Sale will go to the Right To Life ministry. Parish council members are asked to complete 'Why Stay Catholic' before the next meeting.

**Finance Committee Report** – Fr. Charlie reported that the Finance Committee met last night. The Committee is on track to maintain this year's budget and stay in the black. The refinance package for the gym and Activity Center will be signed soon. Jim Dunn, who heads the Investment Committee, reported on the status of the parish's investments.

#### **Staff Reports**

**Principal's Report** – Catherine LaDien's report was distributed to the council.

**Religious Education** – Gary Huen's report was distributed to the council.

#### **Liaison Reports**

**School Advisory Committee** – Steve Hushek reported that the Committee is planning to hold character building workshops for incoming middle-schoolers. It is also planning musical events in the coming year to incorporate more of a fine arts approach, rather than just sing-alongs.

**RCIA** – Mary Pat Jacoby reported that the RCIA program has concluded for the summer. We have one candidate for next year already! Father Charlie explained that a woman needing baptism came to the Easter Vigil and was so moved by the service that she decided to enroll in the classes next season.

**Human Concerns** – Paul Maranan reported that the committee has provided the guidelines used in selecting charities to support, a list of the charities chosen, and why they were chosen. Paul circulated copies to all council members.

**Men of St. Jude** – Bill Flood reported that the annual Scholastic Award Ceremony will be next Tuesday and that John Dunn will be the featured speaker.

**Women of St. Jude** – Mary Sowinski reported that the annual Mother – Daughter breakfast was successful. Evy Mullooly and Jerod Montgomery won the WOSJ award and the \$1000 high school scholarships that accompany the award.

**Building and Grounds** – Paul Lorenz reported that major problems with the rectory garage roof have been repaired. The new roof has resolved additional leaks at the rectory. Grounds cleanup was last Saturday – the campus looks beautiful. About fifteen youth showed up and were very productive!

**Home and School** – Mary Garcia-Velez reported that this year's fund raisers went well. Denise and Tom Waldoch will chair Winterfest again, and Amy Walsh is working to improve the reporting system. Margaret and Mario Powell are the new Home and School presidents for next year.

**New Business** – Art Montgomery attended the Archdiocesan Evangelization Summit, which had 300+ attendees. Art distributed a report on the Summit and discussed the Summit's message to first preach to the people in the pews so that they are prepared to go out and share the news. The Archdiocese sent a questionnaire to be filled out by the Council and returned to the archdioceses. Art will complete the report and bring it to the council for review before submitting it. The archdiocese also is restructuring the documentation for parish councils.

Mary Sowinsk reported on parish council elections. Votes will be counted right after 11am Mass this weekend.

Paul Lorenz initiated a discussion about the HHS mandate requiring abortions to be provided in Catholic hospitals. There are serious ramifications to this change. He requested that the parish council members think about it and send him any ideas on how to raise awareness of this issue. We are asked to prayerfully consider this.

Closing prayer was led by Father Charlie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

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 Jacoby (chair) (303-5153), Art Montgomery (vice-chair) (476-3298), Catherine Bryant (secretary) (262-923-7159), David Bednarek (475-5341), Bill Flood (665-6301 wk or 208-6284 cell), Mary Garcia-Velez (258-6977), Steve Hushek (763-3634), Paul Lorenz (476-8111), Mike Maranan (youth rep.) (258-7212), Paul Maranan (258-7212), Tricia O'Neil (262-424-6814), Gary Ruesch (453-6468), Mary Sowinski (453-3879), Paul Szews (526-2706).