

**Minutes of the Saint Jude Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 20, 2012**

**Attendees:** Father Charlie, Mary Pat Jacoby (chair), Bill Flood, Stephanie Mielke, Dave Bednarek, Paul Maranan, Tom Mance, Mary Sowinski, Paul Lorenz, Lisa Blair, Paul Szews, Gary Ruesch, Steve Hushek and Youth Representative Vinnie Boettcher

Call to order at 7:02 by Mary Pat Jacoby. Opening prayer by Paul Lorenz. Father Charlie welcomed the 3 new members of the Parish Council and the new Youth Representative. He also thanked the members who have completed their term on the council. All participants introduced themselves. Vinnie Boettcher reported on the successful youth mission trip.

Father Charlie thanked Sandy Winard, the Stampede supporters and workers, and particularly Kristin Dugan for everything they did to make the Stampede a success. Mary Pat extended gratitude, as well. The minutes of the May 16 meeting were approved.

Finance Committee Report – The mortgage refinance is complete. The terms include a 10 year note at 2% less than the previous mortgage. The monthly payment decreased from over \$14,400 to \$9,400 but the plan is to continue payment of \$14K per month to accelerate retiring the debt. Exceptions can be made if there are temporary, unusual cash flow requirements. Work continues on fundraising and budget plans to resolve the debt.

Mary Pat explained the sequence of reports in a typical parish council meeting, as well as the roles of liaisons to the various committees.

The Council discussed faith formation in the Parish and in particular St. Jude's inclusive and welcoming atmosphere. The book for next year's Council to read and discuss will be *Keys to the Council*. It will be the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Second Vatican Council.

Art Montgomery provided a liaison report for the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. There was a discussion that the Vice Chair is often the APC rep but the position is designated by the chair.

Staff reports were provided by the liaisons to the Christian Formation and School Advisory Committees. The Buildings and Grounds Committee liaison reported progress made on the repair of certain doors on campus and that the St. Jude statue in the courtyard is now illuminated at night.

The Women of St. Jude donated \$51K to the parish from the proceeds of the Thrift Shop. Everyone extends their gratitude to the WSJ, Anna Ruckert and the many Thrift Shop volunteers for this tremendous help to our parish and to all the people the Thrift Shop serves.

Paul Maranan led a discussion on immigration following upon the presentation sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee.

The meeting dates for the 2012/2013 session were distributed.

Mary Pat reviewed the officers' roles and elections were held.

Art Montgomery will be the Chair of the 2012/13 Parish Council.

Paul Lorenz will be the Vice Chair.

Stephanie Mielke will be the Secretary.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.