

St Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

Minutes from September 26, 2012

(Subject to approval)

Present - Fr. Charlie Conley, Art Montgomery (chair), Paul Lorenz (vice-chair), Stephanie Mielke (secretary), David Bednarek, Lisa Blair, Vinnie Boettcher (youth representative), Bill Flood, Tom Mance, Paul Maranan, Terry Rice, Gary Ruesch, Paul Szews, Kevin Hughes

Excused - Steve Hushek, Tricia O'Neil, Mary Sowinski

Call to order at 7:01pm by Art Montgomery. Opening prayer was led by Tom Mance.

Minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were approved after Paul Lorenz clarified that the illumination of the St. Jude statue was completed shortly after the June 20th meeting.

Chair's Report – Parish Council members agreed to contribute to the purchase of an iPhone 5 for the St. Jude Gala.

The annual Bereavement Breakfast will be held November 4, 2012 following the 9:00 Mass. Parish Council members will serve the breakfast and spend time with the attendees. Art will email a sign-up sheet out to council members.

A representative to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) is needed. The representatives gather a few times per year to provide feedback on Archdiocese related issues to the Archbishop. The APC will be meeting at St. Jude on Monday, October 22, 2012 in the St. Jude Activity Center from 6:30-8:00pm.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Charlie welcomed and introduced Kevin Hughes. Kevin is the new Director of Administration at St. Jude. Melinda Morris has accepted the full time position as the Administrator of Finance for the parish.

Faith Formation – In honor of the 50th anniversary of the convening of the Second Vatican Council, the council discussed the introduction to the book "Keys to the Council – Unlocking the Teachings of Vatican II" by Richard Gaillardetz and Catherine Clifford. The book will help us understand the significance that Vatican II has had on the Church and the world, both then and now.

Finance Committee Report – Terry Rice and Gary Ruesch reported about three major Finance Committee issues: 1. The Parish ended the 2011-12 fiscal year with a deficit of \$2,302.77 out of a budget of over \$2.9 million. This was within the bounds of reasonableness; 2. The Committee approved a policy entitled "Affiliated Organization Checking Accounts" which brings us into compliance with Archdiocesan requirements. The policy does not influence how the organizations use their funds; 3. The Committee adopted a policy that provides that the Parish will continue to service the activity center debt at the same level as it did prior to the recent refinancing which reduced the interest rate. Thus, the monthly debt service payment will remain at \$14,473.50 and be not reduced to the minimum of \$9,243.04 so that the debt can be paid off sooner. Further plans are being made for a last campaign to completely satisfy the remainder of the mortgage."

Staff Reports:

Principal's Report – Catherine LaDien's report is attached. The report includes introductions of new faculty members, reports on fundraisers, the second grade Condella's Coats for Kids drive and school extracurricular clubs.

Religious Education – Gary Heun's report is attached. The report includes religious education information as well as a listing of 18 new family Parish registrations.

Liaison Reports:

Human Concerns - The committee will focus on the Archdiocese theme of Evangelization.

The committee will host Advent presentations in December.
170 mum plants were sold to benefit Greater Tosa Interfaith.
21 bags of new school supplies were donated to St. Vincent DePaul.
The Mother's Day rose sale raised \$500.00.

Women of St. Jude- WSJ recently met to establish its committee chairs and calendar. Annual mailings have been sent to the women of the parish. The third annual "Relax, Renew, and Recharge" event will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd.

Building and Grounds-Needs to be addressed include getting bids for snowplowing and sealing of cracks in the parking lot, as well as the issue of earth wash out and fence damage in the north east corner of the grounds. Completed projects include the lighting of the St. Jude statue, sealing of the church front porch and bricks, and repair of church steps. The committee is monitoring the progress of work being done by the Daycare on their playground, which will include moving the Thrift Shop drop off shed.

Men of St. Jude – The next event to be planned is Casino Night in January.

New Business – A parish Evangelization representative has been requested by the Archdiocese to take part in 2-3 meetings/sessions in the upcoming months as part of the Year of Faith and Evangelization called for by the Pope. This position may be filled by a member of the parish agreed upon by the Fr. Charlie. The parish needs an APC representative as a contact person to the Archdiocese.

As an offshoot of the discussion regarding the Evangelization Summit in May and parish plans for 2012-13, Gary Ruesch commented that involving adults in the life of the Parish should be one of our high priorities. Others agreed. This need was recognized as consistent with the New Evangelization that we discussed earlier. It was agreed that we would form a small group to begin exploring options that could be developed with the church administration.

The closing prayer was led by Tom Mance.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Mielke, Secretary