

## St Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

Minutes from October 24, 2012

(Subject to approval)

**Present** - Fr. Charlie Conley, Art Montgomery (chair), Paul Lorenz (vice-chair), Stephanie Mielke (secretary), Lisa Blair, Vinnie Boettcher (youth representative), Bill Flood, Kevin Hughes, Steve Hushek, Tom Mance, Paul Maranan, Gary Ruesch, Mary Sowinski, Paul Szews,

**Excused** - David Bednarek, Tricia O'Neil,

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

Minutes of the September 26, 2012 meeting were approved.

**Chair's Report** – Tom Mance has agreed to be our Parish representative to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC). The Bereavement Breakfast will be hosted by the Parish Council following 9:00 Mass on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor's Report** – The St. Jude Gala was a great success with more than 300 in attendance. Many thanks to all those who worked hard to make it a wonderful evening, especially Kevin Hughes and the Co-Chairs Mary and Sean Murray and Maria and Sean Watson.

**Finance Committee Report** – Gary Ruesch reported

### Staff Reports:

**Principal's Report** – Catherine LaDien's report is attached. The school is quite busy with fundraisers, community building events and fun, including Trivia Night, Camp Bobcat and extracurricular clubs. The second graders participated in the Coats for Kids drive.

**Religious Education** – Gary Heun's report is attached. Religious Education and Confirmation students will be volunteering in many programs through the Human Concerns Committee and St. Vincent de Paul, as well as a clothing drive for Fr. Gene's Help Center.

### Liaison Reports:

**Human Concerns** – Deacon Don spoke to the committee about the history of Fr. Gene's Help Center.

Plans are in the works for the Advent Tree this year.

Parish volunteer opportunities were discussed with the Confirmation class.

The committee will contact the Director of Interfaith to look into opportunities to help the elderly in our community.

**Building and Grounds**-Fall clean up will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 10:00am. There is a note in the Sunday bulletin asking for volunteers. The committee is in the process of obtaining bids for repairs in the north east corner of the parking lot. The Day Care continues to work on their landscaping.

**School Advisory Committee** – The committee is discussing graduation and some possible changes. They are meeting with members of Home and School and the Graduation Committee on Nov 1st to discuss it further.

**Old/New Business** – Gary Ruesch and Art Montgomery will meet with Gary Huen to work on a speaker series for parishioners beginning with Advent, likely focus to be Catholic faith and theology. Discussion took place regarding the broader exploration of the needs of the parish in the short, mid, and long term. A number of Parish Council members have already met and will continue to define and refine thoughts and ideas to share with the Council.

Paul Lorenz suggested that the Building and Grounds Committee reach out to our cluster parishes, Christ King and St. Bernard, to work together and share ideas and resources to mutually help the committees. All agreed that that type of communication would be a good idea. Art will be in touch with Christ King and St. Bernard council chairs to share our openness to begin working together.

Hi Stephanie: Here is a short summary of my comments: "On October 16, 2012, the Finance Committee reviewed the FY 2011-12 Financial Report prepared by Lee Horlitz. Lee had reported to the Committee about the audit report issues as well as key financial statistics. A number of accounting procedural issues were resolved. Issues relating to the Affiliated Organizations Policy are being worked on with two organizations still working on coming into full compliance. Gary discussed issues that the Committee is monitoring for this year given the revenue and expense variances that the parish experienced last year. At its next meeting, the Committee will be reviewing the budgets and goals of the programs and activities for which Gary Heun and Jim Pluer are primarily responsible. The parish is also in the process of preparing the Annual Report in cooperation with the Communications Committee. Finally, he reported that Lee was available and planning to meet with parish leaders to present a comprehensive financial overview. Gary expressed great appreciation for Lee's hard work that was instrumental in bridging us through the recent staff changes."

Please let me know if you have any questions, Gary.

The closing prayer was led by Paul Lorenz

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Mielke, Secretary