

St Jude the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

Minutes from January 23, 2013

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

Excused - Vinnie Boettcher (youth representative), Tricia O'Neil, Mary Sowinski, Paul Szews

Call to order at 7:02pm by Art Montgomery. Opening prayer was led by Bill Flood

Minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

Art thanked Lisa Blair and the Women of St. Jude for sponsoring a reception following Bishop Hying's presentation on the topic of Evangelization on February 5th.

Parish Council nominating committee is needed. Tom Mance, Bill Flood and Lisa Blair volunteered to begin the process. There was a discussion regarding separate adult and youth ballots. Last year, many ballots were invalid when there were votes for both adult and youth on the same ballot.

The Christian Faith Liaisons are Paul Szews and Tom Mance.

Meetings are being set for the council chairs of six parishes to begin meeting regularly (bi-monthly) with a goal of establishing stronger relationships in preparation for enacting components of the Archdiocese's Vision 2020 plan.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Charlie thanked the Parish Council for hosting the Bereavement Breakfast last November. The event was very well attended and very much appreciated by those who have lost loved family members during the last year.

There may be a change to the Christmas Mass schedule this year. Because the Christmas Eve Masses are so well attended, and it is difficult to find Ministers for two Christmas Day Masses, there may only be need for one Mass on Christmas Day.

Special thanks to:

- Sarah Koch and Jen Rentmeester for their wonderful work on the new St. Jude Parish and School websites.
- Catherine LaDien, Bill Dulde, John Foley, Jason Kelroy and all those involved in the Debt Elimination Campaign. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.
- The Men of St. Jude Casino Night.

Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee: At the meeting held on January 15, 2013, the Finance Committee primarily discussed two issues. The status of the Debt Campaign was reviewed and the Committee was hopeful for a fine result. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the status of the 2012-13 Budget, especially revenue through the end of the calendar year. Gary Ruesch reported that the Committee was not sure if issues relating to the fiscal cliff lead to a slight bump in contributions.

Faith Formation :

Fr. Charlie gave a wonderful overview of Chapters 1-3 of the book "Keys to the Council – Unlocking the Teachings of Vatican II" by Richard Gaillardetz and Catherine Clifford.

Staff Reports:**Prayer and Worship**

Jim Plier submitted an in depth report which included thanks to Chris Purdy and the Art and Environment Committee, and updates on the parish music ministries, with news that the children's choir is being reorganized. Bev Kruel will be retiring from leading our server ministry.

Liaison Reports:**Human Concerns**

Paul Maranan reported:

The Human Concerns Committee sponsored a presentation "Advent-You Must be Present to Win" by Sister Rosemary Bonk, SSND. It was well attended and enjoyed by the audience.

There were a record number of donations to the Advent Giving Tree.

The Outreach Committee met to determine the organizations to receive the 2012 Outreach funds. The total amount collected was \$8,866, which was less than the 2011 amount of \$11,588.

The Committee will be sponsoring CRS Rice Bowl with the school during Lent.

Building and Grounds

Paul Lorenz reported:

Bids are being obtained for tuck pointing of the Community Center.

There is concern about water that collected in the court during heavy rainfall in December. The sewer to the street was recently cleaned when the fire hydrant burst last summer, so it is uncertain why the water didn't drain properly.

Women of St. Jude

Lisa Blair reported:

Women of St. Jude are very busy coordinating many events including:

- Father/Daughter Snowball Dance on February 9th.
- Morning of Reflection after the 8:15 Mass on Ash Wednesday featuring speaker Art Montgomery.
- Saint Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast, their largest fundraiser, is scheduled for March 10th.
- Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Breakfast is tentatively scheduled for May 5th.
- The WSJ Christian Award committee is currently taking applications from 8th graders.
- Gary Heun has asked the WSJ to coordinate a reception following Bishop Hying's presentation on February 5th.
- The Second Annual Cookie Walk was a huge success bringing in \$2,200.
- The WSJ have purchased new high chairs and new round tablecloths.

Men of St. Jude

Bill Flood reported that the Men of St. Jude Casino Night was held on January 11th. The event was well attended, a little better than last year. Food was supplied and prepared by Bob Dess and Mike Passage, as usual. There were a larger number of donated gifts for the silent auction and raffle. Items included dozens of professional sports jerseys and a 60" high definition TV. At this point, it is too early to tell the net amount earned.

School Advisory Committee

Steve Hushek reported:

The School Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 15th and discussed the 2014 calendar, the possibilities for a new data management software package, and academic support policies.

New Business

The council discussed next steps to address the function of the Christian Faith Formation Committee. Council members further discussed how we can go about setting goals for faith formation and spiritual enrichment within the parish and various groups. Included were various ideas, from surveys (Doodle surveys) to meetings with other parishes to see the kinds of activities that work well in their communities. An action item agreed upon was that Tom Mance and Paul Szews would set meetings with council members over the next month in which they will pull together recommendations on both long and short term goals for these areas.

The closing prayer was led by Bill Flood

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Mielke, Secretary