

Saint Jude Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2015, Activity Center – 7-8 PM
(Subject to Approval)

Agenda

Present: Lisa Blair, Bill Flood, Kim Muench, Paul Lorenz, Mary Volker, Steve Gorzek, Tom Mullooly, Paul Maranan, Jean Hoffmann, Dan Petri, Evy Mullooly, Father Charlie, Cindy Seemann, David Bednarek
Absent: Maria Watson, John Didier, Kate Schroeder, Caroline Blair

Opening Prayer: Lisa Blair

Minutes Approval: Minutes were read and corrections given to Cindy. She will email to Fr. Charlie tomorrow morning. Motion to approve w/changes (Dan Petri) and seconded (Paul Lorenz). Unanimous approval.

Pastor's Report: Synod follow up—the archdiocese is asking for clusters to meet, discuss operations and options, and report back in September. Our cluster includes Sacred Heart, St. Vincent Pallotti, and St. Therese.

Finance Report: Tom Mullooly presented a proposed balanced budget for the next fiscal year (2015-16) for Council review. He thanked Melinda Morris, Catherine LaDien, and all the members of the Finance Committee who have been preparing and revising the budget over the past several months. As context, he noted Finance Committee projections that -- provided parish households stay current with contributions -- the current fiscal year will likely not conclude with a deficit. Highlights of the proposed budget include no increase to school fees (first time without an annual increase in many years), healthcare expenses remaining fairly steady, increases in facility rental revenue, and expected increases from fundraising activities. After questions and discussion, Mary Volker motioned to approve; Bill Flood seconded. Unanimous approval.

Chair's Report: Stampede Friday night, everyone should be there if possible. It will be a great night of fun and socializing.

Liaison Reports

Bill Flood: Men of St. Jude recently had awards night. The speaker was Matt Lautz, a St. Jude grad who has done well as an entrepreneur.

Paul Lorenz: Buildings & Grounds last meeting discussion was around the science room gutter and roofing, which are finally completed. The broken gym doors are fixed (\$3500, which may be partly covered by insurance). The security system is in process. There was a record turnout for cleanup of the grounds this year. Thanks to all who showed up to help.

Paul Maranan: Human Concerns held the annual rose sale. They sold 275 plants and earned \$600 for educational efforts of the Wisconsin Right to Life.

Dan Petri reported on the Synod: On June 14th there will be a Synod follow-up gathering called, "Return to the Upper Room." See the archdiocesan website for more information if you would like to attend.

Lisa Blair: Women of St. Jude held the Mother Daughter Breakfast in May at St. Camillus. It was a lovely event. Some of the funds raised were donated to St. Camillus. The Thrift Shop Thank-You Luncheon will be held in June. As reported earlier, the Thrift Shop will be extending hours and days.

Past Business:

The nominees for this year's council election are: Jeff Kapp, Kathy McElligott, Jack Raue, Paul Maranan, Dan Petri, Evy Mullooly and Carolyn Blair. Our thanks to John Didier, Paul Lorenz, Kim Muench and Kate Schroeder for serving on the council. Our gratitude to Tom Mullooly for accepting the pastor's invitation to continue as parish Trustee for another two-year term. At the Council meeting on June 10th both incoming and outgoing members will be present for the selection of officers.

Stewardship Committee: the revitalization of this committee is in process.

Immigration & Racial Diversity: Father shared an essay "In Deed" by Amanda Erickson. Notable quote: "Can we find ways to work for justice, not just charity?" And also the article, "Five Minutes with Francis" quoting what various people would say if they had a 5-minute phone call from Pope Francis.

Closing Prayer: Father Charlie