

**St. Andrew Parish Holts Summit, Missouri**

**MINUTES**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**January 13, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Msgr. Greg Higley, Joe Veit, Tom Gredell, Deanna Haslag, Deacon David Thompson, Matt Fischer, Jill Coyne, Connie Schepers, Brian Schulte, Karen Jacquin, Richard McMichael, Jim Keven, Vicki Clark, Larry Hartman and Jeanine Kunz.

**ABSENT:** Shelly Staumbaugh and Lana Massman

**CALL TO ORDER:** Tom Gredell called the meeting to order.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Msgr. Greg opened the meeting with a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATION**

The Administration Commission did not meet in December.

**Building and Grounds-** Joe reported snow has been removed from the ground two times this season. Msgr. Higley spoke of issues that will soon need addressing. The guttering on the North side of the church can't handle a large flow of water because the pitch is too steep and the pipes are too small. As a result, the water runs into the ground near the foundation. The footing doesn't have a good seal and when water splashes on the slab it comes into the piano corner of the church and soaks the carpet. Randy Stegeman believes we need to look into sealing the brick in the spring.

Msgr. also stated we are in need of a dishwasher in the future. Karen asked if we were going to renovate the kitchen and it was explained we are replacing items one at a time such as the new air conditioning.

**Office Update:** Deanna Haslag passes around an updated parishioner list. She also reminded everyone of the parish website. The bulletin, parish council minutes, ministry list and other information is available for viewing on the website. She explained her duties as parish secretary to the new members. The checking account has a balance of \$33,000 and all bills are paid to date. An interest check was received from the diocese today for money on deposit. The check was in the amount of \$644.00. The account is now drawing 1.75% interest. She reported we have six new families in the parish.

**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

The commission minutes were read and reported by Matt Fischer. The following topics were discussed at the commission meeting on December 9, 2009:

**Music:** Melanie Berhorst reported the music for Christmas Mass is taken care of and the choirs are ready.

**Homebound:** Coletta Rogers reported nothing has changed and they are still visiting Darrel and Pat Brascher, Anna Marie Farris. Kris Hartman is bringing communion to Richard and Betty Dunn.

**Pro Life:** Mike and Kathy Forck reported the “40 Days for Life” has ended and there was a dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus with about 130 people attending. The “40 Days of Life” will begin again on Ash Wednesday, February 17. The opening rally will take place at the Cathedral on February 15. The National Night of Prayer starts on December 8 and there will be Adoration until 1:00 a.m. The Spiritual Adoption will begin on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will run through September 8<sup>th</sup>. Pro-Lifers also voiced their opinions about the Health Care Bill to Claire McCaskill and Christopher Bond.

**Liturgy:** Joe Veit reported the holiday masses were set up.

**Decoration:** Margie Hagenhoff reported that after the December 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Mass the Advent decorations would be put away. Also, the Ladies Altar Sodality will purchase silk poinsettias and real ones. Margie is still checking into the Easter candles.

**Hospital Visitation:** Charlotte Smith reported there were no changes.

**Prayer Line:** Barb Hartman reported the prayer line is busy.

**Nursing Home Visit:** Marsha Clingman reported that on December 9<sup>th</sup> the Altar Sodality had a Christmas party at Summit Villa with gifts and singing.

**Vocations:** Jim Evers reported nothing new is going on.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Yvonne Rottjakob reported there is a need for more parishioners for adoration. The next meeting is to be determined.

After reading the minutes of the commission meeting, Matt Fischer reported the following: A pro life meeting was held January 4<sup>th</sup> with eleven people attending from St. Andrew, the Cathedral, and St. Francis Xavier. The DVD *Helpers of God's Precious Infants* by Msgr. Phillip Kelly is available for whoever wants to view it. The opening rally for the “40 Days of Life” will be held February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Midway rally will be held March 19 at Flanagan Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes, Columbia. The closing rally will be April 10. Dinner will be served by Knights of Columbus Council 8400. On January 11, a training was to be held by Dakota Hoard on pro life arguments. Dr. Gregory Thompson was to give a personhood amendment presentation at 3:30 p.m.

### **EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Jill Coyne reported there was no Education Commission meeting in December.

She stated the Morning Glory Class is full and there are several new children attending. All parents help teach the class. The PSR calendar is followed in determining dates. She also stated St. Peter's pre-school will start in the fall and a director has been hired. The PSR canned food drive was a success. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade won with the most donations and the Kindergarten was second highest. The next meeting date has not been set.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION**

The Social Concerns commission did not meet in December.

### **PARISH COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS**

**Fall Festival Final Report:** Joe reported all bills have been paid. We were \$200 under last year's total. Almost every booth was down from the year before. We are in need of more sales of the splatter boards and need at least 50. He stated he would like to see more games offered. Deanna offered to put an ad in the bulletin asking for ideas. Vicki Clark suggested the dining hall work list be up dated because people don't work their assigned shift. Joe suggested everyone sign up next year so the list reflects those who are willing to work. We may need to let the teenagers know they could get service hours when they work. Karen Jacquin suggested volunteers be recruited by way of a time and talent type sheet. Tom Gredell added we might want to assess which areas need more help.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections:**

**President:** Jill Coyne was nominated as a candidate for President of the Parish Council. No other candidates were nominated and a motion was made to accept Jill by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

**Vice President:** Brian Schulte was nominated and when no other candidates were nominated a motion was made to accept Brian by acclamation. The motion was made and seconded and the motion carried.

**Secretary:** Connie Schepers was nominated. No other nominations were made and a motion was made and seconded to accept Connie by acclamation. Motion carried.

**Jill then presided over the meeting as the new President.**

**DANCES:** Jill asked if anyone would be willing to help her and her husband plan family dances. Msgr. Higley suggested she put something in the bulletin.

### **MSGR. GREG'S COMMENTS:**

Msgr. explained the bulletin is like the parish newspaper. Information consists of requests for volunteers, donations, etc. He commended Deanna for the good job she with the parish website by getting the bulletin and other information on the site. Communication is important.

He explained to the new members that we have six parish council meetings a year. Along with the commission meetings, there are twelve meetings. Quite a few members of the commissions are not parish council members. He encouraged everyone to review the Parish Council Guidelines.

Sr. Kathleen Wegman, Diocesan Chancellor, will come Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> for a parish council training.

He asked that the new members contact him within the next few weeks and give him their top three choices of the commissions they would like to be a member of. He thanked them for saying "yes" to being a member.

The task of the parish council is to keep eyes and ears open to what is taking place in the parish. Decisions are made based on the good of the parish as a whole. The council discerns what is good for the parish.

**Deacon David Thompson closed with a prayer.**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is March 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Schepers, Secretary