

St. Andrew Parish Holts Summit, Missouri

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting

July 7, 2010

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Joe Veit, Shelly Stumbaugh, Connie Schepers, Deanna Haslag, Larry Hartman, Brian Schulte, Jeanine Kunz, Vicki Clark, Lana Massman, Matt Fischer, Richard McMichael, Jim Keeven, Jill Coyne and Deacon David Thompson

ABSENT: Karen Jacquin

CALL TO ORDER: President Jill Coyne called the meeting to order.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vicki Clark made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Jim Keeven.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION

Four Administration Commission meetings took place since the last Parish Council meeting and the minutes of three of those meetings were distributed. The minutes were not read aloud but Larry Hartman briefly explained the parking lot project which was the basis for three of the four meetings. Britt Smith has assisted the Administration Commission in the planning of the repair of the asphalt. At the first commission meeting in May he distributed estimates of what he thought the costs may be for asphalt and for concrete. Those figures were also distributed to the Parish Council. There was an impromptu meeting between concerned parishioners who wanted to give some input into the planning of the repairs. The number of meetings and delays put Britt Smith behind in organizing the data and contacting contractors for bids. It was hoped the bids would be received in time for the Parish Council to make a decision. The requests for bids were mailed to five concrete companies and one asphalt company. The deadline for submitting bids is July 21. Once they are received, the Commission will meet and then a special meeting of the Parish Council will be called.

Larry also explained Britt Smith's suggestion that an inverted crown be included in the area next to the Church so the water will not run off the pavement into the grassy areas on either side but rather, will drain into the street. He also explained the parking lot is deteriorating because of the inadequate gravel base under the asphalt.

Vicki Clark asked about the hole in the middle of the lot (in front of the Church). It was explained the hole will either be repaired when the other repairs are done or parishioners will repair it. Other questions were: Will the drain accommodate all of the parking lot and is there a leak in the sprinkler system? The drain is sufficient for the whole parking lot and shouldn't be a problem. Concerning the sprinkler system, there is no indication that there is a leak.

Msgr. Higley added that we are making progress and he hopes we can get together in late July or August to look at the bids and make a decision. In five years only small repairs have been made to the parking lot. He also spoke of the \$33,000 in concrete that was installed between the hall and the Knights of Columbus building. This was made possible by a donation by the Knights of Columbus. This is going to be a big project as well. Britt Smith is confident that asphalt is the better choice. The bids may come in low or manageable. We have asked for money from the Knights and they voted to donate \$30,000.00. We have \$73,000.00 in savings but hope not to have to touch it. We also have our building and repairs budget but have to repair the leak in the roof by the lower entryway. We are assured that we should be able to get another 20 years out of the repair to the parking lot.

Lana Massman asked if we will need to seal the parking lot. Larry stated it would be sealed periodically but shouldn't be a big expense.

GROUNDS: Joe reported the Eagle Scout projects have been finished by Josh Evers and Ethan Veit. The grounds are also in good shape. Msgr. Higley invited the council members to take a look at the flags in the cemetery (which was part of Ethan's project). Joe also spoke of the light on the cross near the outdoor stage and how nice it looks at night.

OFFICE UPDATE: Deanna explained the parish bank account has been almost completely moved from Jefferson City to Mid America Bank in Holts Summit. This was done to accommodate the money counters. Eventually all monies will be transferred and the account in Jefferson City will be closed. Deanna plans to visit the bank and explain the reason for the transfer. She stated there is \$16,000.00 in the checking account at this time.

She reported someone asked if the parish list could be published on the website. The council agreed it wasn't a good idea. Some people may not want their address and phone number posted to such a large audience.

The maintenance agreement for the heating and cooling will be renewed for the next fiscal year. Richard McMichael asked if it would be cheaper to pay them by the hour. Msgr. said the company presented a good proposal and the Administration Commission agreed with it but in the future it could be looked into.

EDUCATION

Minutes of the Education Commission Meeting, June 30, 2010

Shelly Stumbaugh read the minutes of the Education Commission.

PSR: No report.

Adult Education/RCIA: Msgr. Higley passed out a handout entitled "Christ's Call: Our Response" which is a pastoral plan for the Diocese of Jefferson City. He pointed out several pages 6-10 which the parish representatives need to discuss and submit to the chancery. Don brought up that individuals (not just commissions) should be able to write up an article and have it submitted with the chancery being able to publish it. The parish council will discuss this handout at the next meeting.

Parish Library: Don informed us that parishioners can check out books as long as he/she needs them and as long as he/she writes down their name and book title. Many titles are available to choose from and on file on the computer.

St. Peters School: No report.

New Business: Don brought up an issue regarding PSR and wanted to see if child safety was being explored (perhaps a video shown to the students) and he thought background checks should be performed on all individuals working with kids, even priests. The committee will follow up these concerns at a later date and when the director of PSR can be present.

The next meeting date is set for September 1 at 7:00 in the library.

End of Education Commission Minutes

In the Parish Council meeting there was discussion concerning a PSR video exploring child safety and Msgr. Higley explained that Connie Schepers has presented a video and program to the PSR children concerning touching safety.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Minutes of the Social Concerns Commission, June 30, 2010

Jeanine Kunz read the minutes of the Social Concerns Commission. They are as follows:

Msgr. Greg gave booklets to the members not on Parish Council (PC members will be receiving their book at next week's meeting) and stated that the parish will be using the four aspects for the upcoming year.

Marcia distributed the budget for the prior two months and explained what different expenses and income were to the committee.

There was discussion concerning the Samaritan Center and how the center gives help to individuals. Marcia will contact someone to get more information.

Ron Ames gave an update on his son, Andy's, home situation. The May Quarter Sunday collection was given to his family after their home had been flooded.

Marcia handed out pamphlets about the empty pill bottle collection. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding school supplies. It was decided to collect supplies during the month of August. Pam Brauner will make a flyer for an insert to the bulletin and will ask Deanna to run the notice for several weeks.

Welcome packets for new families to the parish were discussed. A few changes and additions will be made. Time and talent sheets need to be updated.

The Radio Mass will be August 29 on station 950 AM at 10 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society was discussed. Jeanine will call Tom Fischer and invite him to the next meeting to give a presentation.

Ron Ames can obtain children's books from Scholastic if needed. It was suggested to put several books for each child in the Christmas baskets. The soup kitchen can also utilize them for the children there each week.

Soup Kitchen – Helen Manson gave an update on the Soup Kitchen and how it has changed to real dishes and silverware and the need for more volunteers to help with a variety of tasks. The average number of dinners being served is 60-80 each night. She will give a presentation at upcoming weekend Masses.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 25, at 7 p.m.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Minutes of the Worship and Spiritual Life Commission, June 8, 2010

Music: No report

Homebound: Coletta Rogers reported that she started seeing Viola (Fern) Owens in addition to Darrel and Pat Brascher and Anna Marie Farris.

Pro Life: Mike and Kathy Forck reported that after the 40 days for Life the number of abortions started to rise again. Mike and Kathy are back on their Thursday schedule at Planned Parenthood. On Thursday, June 3, over 50 people came to pray. Father Schrader and Fr. Veit were among those who prayed. On Thursday, June 10, there will be a "Jericho March" at Planned Parenthood starting at 3:00 p.m. Mike and Kathy also reported that the baby bottle collection is doing well.

Liturgy: No Report

Decoration: No Report

Hospital Visitation: No Report

Prayer Line: Elaine Thompson reported there were 12 prayer requests in May and 5 so far in June. Laura Lepper has joined the Prayer Line doing the requests on e-mail.

Nursing Home Visit: Marsha Clingman reported there are no new parishioners in the nursing home. She also reported they still visit Summit Villa and every Wednesday there is a Rosary said for Pro Life.

Vocations: Jim Evers stated nothing new is happening and the Vocations Cross is filled up through August.

Eucharistic Adoration: Joe Veit and Yvonne Rottjakob reported that Adoration will be from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on the first Friday.

The next commission meeting will be held August 10th at 6:30 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET: Msgr. Higley explained the Budget for the last fiscal year. He stated he will be working on the 2010-2011 Budget to bring before the Parish Council. The budget for the past year was tight. Some items went up and some went down. The collection column exceeded the budgeted amount, but some expenses were up.

MSGR. HIGLEY'S COMMENTS:

Msgr. distributed the booklet *Christ's Call – Our Response* which was published by the Catholic Center. All parish councils are asked to participate in this setting of priorities and goals. Surveys identified some of the things happening within society and our diocese, i.e., Mass attendance, schools, number of priests. **Results of consultation:** Pages 6-7 speak of the need to focus on family life, education of adults and youth, reaching

out/evangelization and having good leadership in parishes. Page 8 speaks of Faith, Family, Reaching out, and planning. Page 10 asks, "What is our Job?" Msgr. asked that we read pages 1-10 then we will concentrate on 8 and 9. We will have an agenda at each commission meeting. Our goal is to have recommendations by December 31, 2010.

Deacon David Thompson closed with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting is September 8, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Schepers, Secretary