

St. Andrew Parish Holts Summit, Missouri

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting

March 4, 2009

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Connie Schepers, Shane Boessen, Matt Fischer, Jill Coyne, Shelly Stumbaugh, Tom Gredell, Deacon David Thompson, Deanna Haslag and guest, Kenny Schulte.

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 and the minutes were approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS AND OLD BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Gredell reported on the discussion in the February 19, 2009 meeting.

Striping for parking lot: There will be no parking by the awning during the fish fries. After that time, it will be striped and parking there will resume. Steel posts will be placed there as well.

Discussion of committee for kitchen and Veit Hall Improvements: The improvements are on hold at this time due to the state of the economy and other projects such as the awning.

Safety issues at fish fries: The Knights have done a good job of going over procedures and getting everyone in line with that. They are keeping children and non-Knight members away from the area. The electrical work is finished. The awning work is also finished.

Handicap Restrooms in Veit Hall: The hand railings have been installed and paid for by the Knights of Columbus.

Fire Extinguishers: All fire extinguishers have been inspected for the Church and for the fryers. The ones designated for the fryers are new fire extinguishers. They have been placed on a schedule for an annual inspection.

Discussion of moving carry out service line to the K of C Building: It was reported the Sunday before that the additional seating and carryout line in the Knights of Columbus building went well.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS:

Clean-up after basketball: Joe reported at the commission meeting that there is a lack of clean-up after basketball practice such as the use of cups that are left behind. Matt Fischer reported that some players have donated money and it may be used to buy cups or players may bring their own water bottles. A group will go around after practice to clean up any mess left. He assured it wouldn't happen as far as their team is concerned.

Water in the Ladies restroom upstairs: Dennis Hagenhoff found the cause and fixed it.

St. Peter's 2009-2010 budget has increased: The total budget for next year is proposed to be approximately \$130,000.00.

Cursillo: The men's Cursillo will be held September 24-27 and the women's will be October 8-11 here at St. Andrews.

Building and Grounds: The water pump was fixed by Dennis Hagenhoff.

Office Update: (1). Deanna reported the website is down temporarily but will be up and going soon. It is used by many people according to a counter that recorded over 1,000 in a three-four month period. (2). She stated there are three new families registered since the last meeting. (3). The amount in the checking account is \$12,769.00 and the savings account is \$72,551.00. (4). St. Peters is paid up at this time. (5). Msgr. asked if there is a difference in the collections and she reported they are staying much the same. Msgr. said people are generous, even in difficult times. The CSA collection has ended. We fell short of our goal this year. The next Administration Commission meeting will be held in April.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

The commission minutes were reported by Matt Fischer. The following topics were discussed at the commission meeting on February 26, 2009:

Music: Barbara Hartman reported the piano has been tuned. Easter music, choirs, and musicians have been planned. Two new music books have been ordered with new music for mass. One for guitar and one for piano.

Homebound: Correction to the minutes of December 18 that stated Robert Lueckenotto was homebound. It should have stated Anna Marie Farris is homebound.

Pro Life: Mike and Kathy Forck reported on the baby shower that took place in January. All donations went to Birthright. Approximately 1100 postcards were sent to Washington concerning FOCA. 366 were sent to each (Senator Bond, Senator McCaskill and Rep. Luecktemeyer.) Time Magazine referred to the "Catholic Crusade" against FOCA as a "well oiled machine". A rosary is being prayed at Summit Villa for Pro-Life once a week on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Kathy attended a Senate hearing on Monday February 23rd. The hearing concerned whether to make it a crime for persons to coerce a woman to have an abortion. It was also reported a Right to Life group is being formed in Fulton

Liturgy: Msgr. Higley reported on the Ash Wednesday masses as well as the Stations of the Cross schedule and evening masses. There will be a request for Easter flower donations to assist in purchasing them.

Decoration: Msgr. Higley reported that decorations for Lent are complete.

Hospital Visitation: Charlotte Smith reported that Joyce Steuber was in St. Mary's Hospital and Pat Bracher was in a hospital in Columbia. If anyone needs to contact Charlotte regarding those in the hospital, please contact her by phone or someone else on her committee, as her e-mail is not working.

Prayer Line: Barbara Hartman had reported there are approximately 10-15 prayer requests every month.

Nursing Home Visit: Marsha Clingman reported there were no new patients.

Vocations: The schedule for the prayer cross is complete through August. Deanna has the schedule.

Eucharistic Adoration: Mike and Kathy Forck reported 7-11 people attend the Eucharistic Adoration each Sunday.

Concerning the **Monument to the unborn:** Matt reported to the Parish Council that there was much discussion concerning where it should be placed. Some have questioned if it should be in the cemetery or in front of the Church where more people could see it. Msgr. Higley stated that originally both places were suggested. The committee had selected the cemetery and the Cemetery Committee was to choose the location within the cemetery. Msgr. proposed they meet, talk it out, and make a decision. If a resolution cannot be met, they can bring it to the Parish Council for discussion.

The next commission meeting will be April 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

The Commission minutes were reported by Jill Coyne. The following topics were discussed at the February 24, 2009 meeting.

Morning Glory: The Morning Glory class continues to be a success. We are having a great amount of cooperation from the parents that have children involved in the program. A new family recently taught the class and the March class will be taught by Stacey Fick with the assistance of a teenager needing service hours.

There are 5-10 children weekly and the classes follow the PSR schedule. It will be posted in the calendar in the future. In February the children made cards for the homebound and they were given to Coletta to take with her

when she makes her visits. They also made bookmarks that said, "Don't Give Up". They are learning valuable lessons and hearing stories. The last class will be April 26.

PSR: Spring break was held March 1. The pizza party for the winners of the canned food drive was to be held March 8th. The winners were 4th grade PSR but because the 7th grade and pre-K/Kindergarten classes was only one can behind, all three earned the pizza party. The 7th grade shadow play will be held on Palm Sunday in the morning. First Communion will be held during Mass on Sunday, May 3rd. First Reconciliation will be held during the Family Lenten Service on March 26. Awards banquet will be May 10th. Kim Schumann is considering splitting the Pre-K and Kindergarten class into two classes because the class is so large this year. She has enlisted help for PSR registration this summer.

CYO: The CYO is meeting every Sunday evening with an average of 15 to 20 attending. The recent group discussion included Morality, Truth, Mercy and Justice. They recently watched the movie, "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" followed by group discussion. They provided a meal at the Holts Summit Soup Kitchen and collected donations for the Soup-A-Bowl which provided funds to help support the soup kitchen.

Adult Education: Don Manson announced that a man in the area contacted him concerning his inability to read and wanted to learn. Don has been meeting with him and he is doing well.

Parish Library: Activity in the library has been slow. Don Manson reported he is hoping to attract more people in by featuring different books in the gathering space. It was suggested that parents take a book or two into Mass for their children. In the parish council meeting Msgr. Higley suggested we advertise for religious books to be donated for those of the age of 3.

St. Peters: Angie reported they discussed budget at the school board meeting and have some thoughts on fundraisers and special collections to help offset the additional cost of all day kindergarten. It was decided parent fees would not be raised for the 2009-10 school year. They discussed promoting the school to increase enrollment. Father is working on getting candidates for the school advisory board for next year. St. Andrews needs 2 candidates to serve the 3-year term. All proceeds from the St. Peter Big Bucks Night and the St. Peter Golf Tournament go to support operations of the school. Big Bucks was held February 21.

New Business: Angie McMichael reported the St. Peters students are using tithing envelopes during school mass. The commission is looking into getting the envelopes for the St. Andrews students. There was concern as to how the donations would come to St. Andrews. In the parish council meeting, it was stated if they were placed in the St. Peters basket, they would be sent here. Msgr. also stated our envelope company will provide us with boxes. They will look into getting them for those who attend St. Peters School and for others too, possibly by the next school year.

A commission meeting date is set for April 28 at 7 p.m. in the library.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Commission minutes were reported by Shane Boessen. The following topics were discussed at the February 18, 2009 meeting.

Ron Ames reported he had approximately 90 cookbooks left to sell. He started with 500. He was planning to try to sell them at the fish fries. Thank you to Ron and all who helped put the books together.

Gary Heimericks had planned to attend the meeting and report on Angel Ministry, which is the selling of larger quantities of food at a cheaper price. The commission has not yet decided if it is something they would like to undertake. There are five locations in the area where the food is distributed. There is a website where the food is ordered and you register to use the service.

The commission is checking on purchasing another shadow box for the hallway. Drew Grimm built the existing box. The commission will get prices for a second box.

Mary Slinkard suggested using the old Rectory for families that have lost their homes, for instance in a fire. Discussion in the Parish Council concerned the fact the building is now used for PSR classes and it isn't set up right now (no furniture, etc.) We use it 9 months of the year. Msgr. mentioned we do help transients by putting them up in the motel for several nights. If needed, we could always pay one month's rent for burn out victims to help them until permanent housing is located.

Helen Manson reported at the commission meeting that the soup kitchen on Thursday evenings is going great. The Saturday night she spoke to the parish \$655.29 was collected and on Sunday morning it was

\$917.11. She was very appreciative of everyone's generosity. At first the kitchen was serving 30 to 40 but now it is in the 20s. Shane also reported to the Parish Council that the Samaritan Center is experiencing a decrease in those asking for assistance.

Tom Gredell asked about second collections and what those are for as it isn't always announced. Quarter Sunday collection goes to several places, Samaritan Center, Serve, Vogelwield and other special areas. The balance as of January 9, 2009 was \$3,549.43. (This includes the cookbook proceeds).

PARISH COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

Chapel Security: Deacon David reported that although the information was promised by the date of the meeting, it has not been given. We need to know if we need another door or if a combination lock could be inserted in the existing door. Kevin has discussed putting magnetic locks on the door.

Parish Council Elections: They have been tabled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Report: Kenny Schulte presented the minutes of the January 25, 2009 meeting. The following topics were discussed at the meeting:

Joe Veit submitted the Financial Report for 2008 and the report was approved unanimously. With the sale of gravesites, they received \$16,162.88. Expenses were \$1,756.73. Kenny reported the biggest expense was the wooden cabinet, which is well made and a one time expense. There is \$15,000 in an endowment fund in the Chancery. \$10,000 of the account was also deposited in the endowment fund making it a total of \$25,000.00, which leaves over \$7,000 in checking.

Don Manson's four year term expired and he agreed to stay another four years. He was elected by acclamation.

They discussed the Pro-life monument to the unborn child and they agreed they would work together with Pro-life to plan the monument. The Cemetery Committee will have final approval of the plans.

Joe Veit made a motion that all officers remain the same for the next year. It was seconded by Don Manson and approved by vote. Kenny Schulte is President, Joe Veit is Treasurer, and Jim Evers is Secretary.

May 16, 2009 was set for the cemetery clean up day and the Memorial Day Mass will be held in the cemetery on May 25.

Msgr. Higley asked Kenny if the cost for trees, flowers and hose was a one time expense. He explained that they replace a tree if it dies. Trees have died due to the grave digging equipment, weather, and deer. There was also discussion concerning the mowing expenses. The bill hasn't been paid as yet. It was also discussed that some people pay by installments. The cost of a grave for parishioners is now \$400.00 and for those outside the parish it is \$1,500.00.

Eagle Scout Projects: Msgr. Higley reported there are two young men, John Evers and Ethan Veit, who would like to do their Eagle Scout projects here in the parish. Ethan Veit suggested (1.) Flag Poles in the cemetery. Msgr. told him to talk to the Cemetery Committee; or (2.) He proposed a wooden playground for children. The Administration commission will have to discuss the location. They have to collect donations for the projects, have a budget for income and expenses with the Scout Master monitoring him. There has to be a description of the project, a timeline and volunteers have to be organized. He may choose one and Josh Evers would choose the other. Tom Gredell stated Josh Evers spoke with him and was considering building a roof over the outdoor stage. Tom suggested he talk with the music people and the Administration Commission.

Msgr. Higley's Comments: He will be meeting with Earl and Vickie Pabst concerning "Why Catholic." He also thanked Tom Gredell for agreeing to be on the Parish Council another year.

Deacon David Thompson closed with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Schepers, Secretary