

St. Andrew Parish Holts Summit, Missouri

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting

November 4, 2009

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Joe Veit, Tom Gredell, Shelly Stumbaugh, Deanna Haslag, Jennie Ames, Shane Boessen, Matt Fischer, Jill Coyne, and Connie Schepers.

ABSENT: Mary Slinkard and David Thompson

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

Tom Gredell submitted the minutes of the October 22nd meeting. (Comments by Parish Council members in bold type).

Ethan Veit, Eagle Scout Candidate, gave a presentation on his proposal to install two flag poles in the cemetery on either side of the large Crucifix. One would be the U.S. flag and one would be either the Missouri flag or the Papal flag. The flags will be illuminated by one floodlight. (In the parish council meeting it was corrected to state the Papal flag. It was also corrected to state three lights would be needed to shine on the cross and two flags.) Ethan has received a \$200 donation from the knights of Columbus. He has spoken to the Cemetery Board and they approve. After several questions and some discussion, the Administration Commission concurred with the proposal and will take it to the Parish Council. The commission suggested that Ethan ask the Cemetery Board for a donation. (Msgr. Higley stated in the Parish Council meeting that Ethan will ask the cemetery committee and altar sodality to donate toward the cost.)

Jennie Ames made a motion to accept the proposal of the Boy Scout project. Shelly Stumbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget – Msgr. presented the 2009-2010 proposed budget. It is primarily based on the previous year's expenses with adjustments as warranted, such as for Helias and St. Peter expenses. We had a positive balance at the end of last year, although not as much as in previous years. The proposed budget is balanced with estimated revenue of \$392,892.00 and estimated expenses of \$392,856.95. The Capital Improvement Donations exceeded the budget last year and they have been estimated at \$24,708.00. Expenses for church repairs and improvements is budgeted for \$20,000, the same amount as last year.

During the Parish Council meeting, Msgr. explained the printout given to members. It was signed by everyone and will be presented to the Diocesan Finance Office.

Building and Grounds- Recently completed projects include renovation of the old rectory and all the air conditioning units are working. Anticipated improvement or maintenance projects were discussed: a. Additional, specific parking lot repairs; b. Dishwasher for the kitchen (no costs were known at the time of

discussion); c. Seal the brick on the building. This was discussed as a desirable maintenance item, but not something that needed to be done this coming year; d. Improvement to storm water drainage next to the back of the building. This could include the installation of additional storm water inlets and drain pipes. **During the Parish Council meeting, Joe also spoke about the spot on the driveway. We will look into fixing it next spring. Msgr. Higley asked Joe if Travis would be removing our snow this year and Joe stated he would. Joe has the ice melt ready for bad weather.**

Discussion of the Fall Festival and Health Department: The illnesses reported after the Fall Festival and the involvement of the Callaway County Health Department were discussed. All involved reported the Health Department was very helpful and reasonable. However, they would like to see a dishwasher in the kitchen. The Health Department offered to come to a future meal event and critique the processes that we use. They had talked to many of the people who had become ill. They also wanted to talk to 6 to 12 persons who had not gotten ill although they had taken food from the carry out stand. Deanna is to follow-up and will try to identify persons that the Health Department may be able to talk with. Several names were suggested at the commission meeting. (More information under “New Business”.)

Parish Financial Report: Msgr. handed out copies of the Parish Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. This is an annual report that each parish must prepare and submit to the Diocese. Members of the Administration Commission and the Parish Council are required to review and sign the form (Note – the Administration Commission also functions as the Parish Finance Committee). A typo was noted in the document, so Msgr./Deanna will revise the document and bring it to the Parish Council meeting for review and signature.

End of minutes of Administration Commission.

Office Update: Deanna Haslag reported that all bills are paid and St. Peters has been paid through October. We have a savings of \$73,000.00. She reported there are five new families in the parish but with some families moving, the numbers have remained the same.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

The commission minutes were read and reported by Matt Fischer. The following topics were discussed at the commission meeting on October 13, 2009:

Music: No Report.

Homebound: Coletta Rogers reported they are visiting Darrel and Pat Brascher and Anna Marie Farris. Kris Hartman is bringing communion to Richard and Betty Dunn.

Pro Life: Mike and Kathy Forck reported the rally at the halfway point for the “40 Days for Life” went well. 75 people came along with KOMU TV. Other special guests included were State Representatives Jeanie Riddle and Kenny Jones, Diann Foster from Billboards across America, Karen Dye from Spirit FM and New Horizons on Channel 25, Mike Kehoe, Christian Almon, Dr. Gregory Thompson, and the band “Renaissance”. Kathy and Mike reported that Jeanie Riddle got a “tour” through Planned Parenthood.

Liturgy: No report.

Decoration: Margie Hagenhoff reported that a picture mums at the altar was in the *Catholic Missourian*. There were six mums planted by the sign and more to be planted in the future. Thanksgiving decorations will be going up soon in church. A discussion was held whether to purchase real flowers or artificial flowers. The carpet in church is to be cleaned after January 1.

Hospital Visitation: No report.

Prayer Line: Barb Hartman reported the e-mail is busy. There were 9 prayer requests via the phone and 19 via e-mail. If someone is in the hospital it is to be reported to Charlotte Smith.

Nursing Home Visit: Marsha Clingman reported that Bob Luekenotto was at Summit Villa but was later transferred to Moberly. There are currently 14 Catholics listed at Summit Villa. On October 21, a

Halloween party was held. The Ladie's Sodality donates money to Summit Villa for Bingo and other activities.

Vocations: Jim Evers reported the schedule for the Vocations Cross is full through August of 2010.

Eucharistic Adoration: No Report.

Mass Dated: Msgr. Higley presented a list of dates for upcoming masses: November 26 (thanksgiving) 8:30 a.m. December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 6:30 am, 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. December 24, Christmas Eve, 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm, December 25th, Christmas Day, 9:00 am, December 31, New Years Eve, 5:30 pm, January 1, New Years Day, 9:00 am.

Why Catholic?: Msgr. Higley also reported that on November 1, "Why Catholic" will be discussed after church and meetings to begin late in November. RCIA is also starting up. Other dates reported: Ash Wednesday is February 17, Confirmation is April 15, 2010, and Easter is April 4.

The next commission meeting will be Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

Jill Coyne read the minutes of the Education Commission meeting held October 28, 2009.

The minutes are as follows:

Morning Glory: Laura Allen reported the Morning Glory program is off to a great start. There is an average of 7 children per week. Many have become regulars in the program. Parent teachers are scheduled for November through February.

PSR: Kim Schumann reported the can food drive has started and will run through November 22nd. There will be a pizza party for the winning class and the runners up. Kim also stated that instead of doing the ornaments for the Christmas tree, PSR will be helping needy families along with the Social Concerns. Marilyn John will be heading up some projects such as the cookie delivery. This year the cookies will be baked at church and there will be a reception on December 12 and 13 following Mass. The weekend before, there will be candy making in the kitchen and this will also be shared with the parish. Second grade will start working on First Reconciliation and First Communion after Christmas. The next Children's Mass is November 7th.

CYO: Cindy reported through e-mail. There is an average of 14-18 kids weekly. (mostly boys). They went to a haunted house last week and had 15 attend. They planned to attend Mass as a large group and help with Trunk or Treat together. Cindy said they just received information on the Holts Summit Christmas Parade. This year they plan to put together a live manger. Mike also hosts open basketball on Sunday for the youth that are not going through confirmation.

St. Peters School: We welcomed Nancy to the Education Commission. She reported that the Home and School is preparing for the annual Mission Party in February. The money raised from this goes to the Sisters of Notre Dame and to the school. They recently had a chili supper and book fair, which were a big success. They are considering a cinnamon roll sale. The cinnamon rolls that they sell with the chili supper are such a success they think this would be a good fundraiser in itself. The money raised from the chili supper/book fair will be used to buy computers. Msgr. Lammers will soon be sending letters home concerning tithing and how important it is for the school that all families are tithing. It is reported that there are 41 children with special needs currently enrolled at St. Peters. They are also taking a family of 3 children that are all special needs. The pre-school at St. Peters is still in progress. They are currently working on painting and plumbing. We are the only school in Jefferson City that has a video on the convention bureau website. And our Mass attendance is currently at 67%. This means 67% of the students at St. Peters are attending Saturday or Sunday Mass.

Msgr. Higley added there are 15 participants in the RCIA class and 28 confirmation students.

The next commission meeting will be December 16th at 7 p.m.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns committee did not meet in October.

PARISH COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

Fall Festival: Joe reported some bills are yet to be paid. It looks like the total amount will be close to the same as last year.

Parish Council Election: Msgr. reported that so far 12 people have agreed to run. 99 were invited to run and only 33 have responded. Msgr. hopes to have at least 16 people running for the 8 positions. Those members leaving this year are Jennie Ames, Tom Gredell, and Mary Slinkard. Everyone will be given a flier on the last weekend of November with pictures and biographies of each person running.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Department Decision (Fall Festival): The Health Department called the office and asked how many people were served at the Fall Festival. When told that 1,700 people were served, they responded they would close the books because so few were sick out of such a large number. Joe stated there would be some changes next year. The carry out shed will be used again because there is enough room in it for the steam table and more room to move around in. He also stated the money counting room will be restricted to only those who are working there. He spoke again of the need to purchase a dishwasher. He may check into a restaurant sale. Msgr. Higley asked if the Knights will pay some and Joe indicated they would. Shane asked if it would be possible for the paper to run an article stating the investigation had been dropped. Msgr. Higley said because some got sick they probably wouldn't retract their statement. They were actually very generous in their statements. The less the subject is brought before the public, the better.

Old Rectory: Randy Stegeman will install a dead bolt lock on the old rectory door.

MSGR. GREG'S COMMENTS:

Msgr. thanked everyone for their good work on the Parish Council this year.

Msgr. closed with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is January 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Schepers, Secretary