

St. Andrew Parish Holts Summit, Missouri

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting

March 3, 2010

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Joe Veit, Shelly Stumbaugh, Deanna Haslag, Jill Coyne, Connie Schepers, Karen Jacquin, Larry Hartman, Brian Schulte, Jeanine Kunz, Vicki Clark, Lana Massman.

ABSENT: Matt Fischer, Jim Keeven and Richard McMichael

CALL TO ORDER: Jill Coyne 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

Building and Grounds: Joe reported the overhang of the hall entrance to the kitchen is leaking. Water has leaked into the ceiling and it is falling in. It has a flat roof with a rubber coating. It was agreed it needs to be fixed soon. Bids to replace the roof will be obtained from companies and a new ceiling will be installed. The Administration commission will discuss what kind of roof it needs.

Msgr. mentioned the possibility of a dishwasher being installed. Joe added it would be looked into after the fish fries.

Office Update: Deanna reported people are giving generously. We have \$18,000 in checking. There are quite a few events scheduled on the calendar. When retreats are scheduled they usually use the whole facility and nothing else is scheduled on those days.

Minutes of the Administration Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 25, 2010

(Comments during the council meeting are in bold type.)

BUDGET: Msgr. presented the committee with copies of the first six-month budget report and the seven-month report. St. Andrews is doing well in income. By the end of January we had almost \$20,000.00 more than budgeted. The report will also be presented to the Parish Council at the next meeting. **(During the council meeting Msgr. explained the layout of the report to the new members and pointed out the key items to note on the report under the income and expenses columns. It was also reported the parish pays \$3,500 per student to St. Peters and \$354 per student to Helias.)**

MONEY COUNTING: Msgr. Higley mentioned the money counters would like to change banks because Jefferson Bank does not have a facility in Holts Summit and someone has to take the deposit into Jefferson City each week. This issue will be discussed more thoroughly at the Parish Council meeting. **(During discussion in the council meeting, Deanna recommended if a change is made, that it be**

made at the end of fiscal year for accounting purposes. Lee Neutzler has been working with money counting for many years and hopefully more people will volunteer to help her if they don't have to drive into Jefferson City for the deposit. A decision will be made in the future.)

“MEGA SALES TAX”: The committee was presented with information concerning the proposed “Mega Sales Tax” which would result in parishes being required to pay taxes. Msgr. stated more information would be given to parishioners in the future. **(Msgr. explained to the council that the proposal affects “not for profit” organizations. It almost passed last year but was turned down by the Senate. Although Catholic colleges are taxed, some private colleges are not. Msgr. urged members to keep their ears open and read about the subject when they can.)**

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Josh Evers came before the commission and presented a proposal for his Eagle Scout project. Josh's proposal consisted of a possible canopy being built over the existing open pavilion. Josh's proposal was explained in a folder and had been presented to and approved by the Boy Scout Council.

Josh has been in scouting since first grade. He thought of the project when he heard others speak of the need for a roof in case of rain or to shield musicians from the sun. If approved, he would complete the project in March or the first of April. There is a deadline of April 22, 2010, which is the day Josh turns 18. His project must be completed by that date.

He was told the project would be brought before the Parish Council for discussion and decision. He was asked if he has a backup project and he stated an alternative would be to spread gravel around the fire pit and finish the edges with pavers. In addition, he would build more picnic tables for that area.

The commission discussed the project after Josh completed his presentation and left the meeting. There were many questions regarding safety, a secure finished product and aesthetics.

(In the council meeting Larry explained the project and the report was passed around. One of the concerns of the commission was how the finished project would look. Msgr. spoke of the various age groups that would work on the project and the safety issues involved. The parish would be liable for any accidents that may occur. Alternatives were discussed such as planting trees around the parameter of the grounds. Msgr. also proposed that more benches be built so there would be an amphitheater affect in front of the stage. He spoke with committee members and with Josh and his father and Josh preferred the benches and think it could be approved by the Boy Scouts. It may be increased to 16 benches. He will have to submit another plan to the Administration commission. Karen Jacquin made a motion that Josh could decide between both projects and it can be approved by the Administration Commission. Jeanine seconded the motion. Motion carried.)

PARKING LOT: There was discussion concerning the bad spots in the parking lot. Future repairs will need special attention. **(Council discussion concerned the repairs that have been made in the last few years. Most have held up but several will need engineering and repair.)**

LEAKS: Msgr. stated we are still monitoring the leaks that occur in the corner by the piano when there is heavy rainfall. Some of the problem concerns guttering that can't hold the heavy flow of water.

End of minutes of Administration Commission.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Matt Fischer was not present at the Parish Council meeting, but forwarded the commission report.

Homebound: Coletta Rogers reported they are still visiting Darrel and Pat Brascher and Anna Marie Farris.

Pro Life: Mike and Kathy Forck reported they spoke at St. Joseph Cathedral and St. Peters Church about the 40 Days for Life. They had several people volunteer for the 40 Days for Life. Kathy also spoke at the

Gospel Light House and had an additional ten people sign up. The opening rally was held on February 15th at St. Josephs. The guest speaker was Karen Dye and the Bishop was also in attendance. March 19 is the midway rally, which will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes in Columbia. April 10 is the closing of the 40 Days for Life at St. Andrews with Matthew Bowdy as guest speaker.

Decoration: Margie Hagenhoff reported there would be a basket of stones on Ash Wednesday at Mass for us to pick up. The stones represent the burden of sin.

Prayer Line: Barb Hartman reported that Joann Scheidt is joining the Prayer Line Committee.

The next commission meeting will be April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

Jill Coyne read the minutes of the Education Commission meeting held February 24, 2010.

The minutes are as follows:

Morning Glory: Laura Allen was unable to attend the meeting. Jill reported morning Glory is going well. There are between 3 to 10 children weekly. Numbers vary from week to week. Jill brought a copy of the lesson plans to show the commission and explained when someone new teaches, they can read everything directly from the plans that are typed weekly. The gospel is explained in the best way possible but the teachers also try to keep the attention of the group. Currently ages range from 2 to 6. The age cut off was 5 but this year many of the children want to join the class and they have turned 6. We follow the PSR schedule for days off, but will end classes the last Sunday in April rather than the PSR last day, which is the 2nd Sunday of May. The last class will be a small “party” type class and the children will receive certificates for attending Morning Glory.

PSR: Kim Schumann reported that PSR celebrated Spring Break on February 28th and had no class. First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday, March 4th and First Communion will be Sunday, May 2. First Communion will be followed by the May Crowning on May 9, which will also be the last day of PSR. 7th grade has begun working on their shadow play, which will be preformed on March 28th.

CYO: Cindy was unable to attend the meeting, but gave her report via email. The CYO group has been busy with weekly meetings. They participated and won 3rd place in the annual Holts Summit Christmas Parade in the religious category. They had a “living manger” complete with Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. They have had several social events throughout the last few months including bowling, roller skating, a game day at the Holts Summit Movie Theatre where the kids were able to play video games on the large screen. They have had several educational movies at their weekly meetings. Attendance has been down a bit, averaging 8-10 kids per week. (All boys). Also, since Mike and Cindy will have both of their children out of high school this summer, they will be retiring from CYO. She suggested that Msgr. Greg may want to start recruiting for some CYO replacements.

Parish Library: Don reported that all the books in the library are now in the computer system. He and Helen have been working to put each category in alphabetical order by Author. They are almost finished with this. There have been several children’s books donated to the parish library and Don and Helen were trying to find ways to get these books to the kids of the parish. Don asked what we thought about taking a box of books and sitting by the donuts after Mass and passing them out to children. Currently we have mostly chapter books for older kids available.

St. Peters School: Nancy was unable to attend the meeting, but Mike Coyne reported. Nine new smart boards have been purchased along with 3 projectors. The Mission Party was February 15 and was a great success. They had not reported the amount that they profited. Kindergarten enrollment has taken place and they are expecting 47 students. They currently had screening and open house for these students and had their readiness screening scheduled for sometime in March. The SAB discussed the possibility of presenting the St. Peters School DVD after Mass here at St. Andrews for a weekend. It was brought up that the amount of new members we have, they may not be aware that they have St. Peters School as an option while being members at St. Andrews. School isn’t something that is talked about at Mass and if a

family is not from this area, they may not realize this exists. Mike said if they were to play the DVD after Mass, they would like to have someone representing St. Peters in the gathering space to answer any questions after Mass. Preschool is well under way. A director/head teacher has been hired and an aid. They are waiting for enrollment numbers to see if another teacher will be needed. Renovation of the preschool is still under way. They are accepting any donations that are appropriate for 4-5 year old children. (Puzzles, dress up clothes, books, blocks). Pick up and drop off of the preschool children was discussion. They are deciding if it would be best for them to do carline like the rest of the school or have the parents bring them in and drop them off/pick them up. Catholic Bowl for basketball was the last week of February. It is a playoff for all the parochial schools in the area. Grades 5 through 8 compete and St. Peters had 6 out of their 8 teams in the final on Sunday that was played at Lincoln University. St. Peters is also looking into offering the students a foreign language. They are considering Rosetta Stone. If this is approved, all families attending St. Peters will be given a username and password where they can log in at home and learn a foreign language together. They feel that there is not enough time at school to fit this in, but will reconsider in the years to come if there are many families using it at home. The Alumni newsletter will be coming out in late April for all students that have graduated from St. Peters. The Father/daughter dance will be March 13 and the Big Bucks will be April 17th.

New Business: Don Manson suggested that the Education Commission make sure we continue to teach our groups (morning glory, PSR, CYO) about the after effects of the disaster in Haiti. He explained that as time goes on, the amount they show on television will lessen but there are still many people that are suffering and he feels we should continue to talk about it. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Msgr. Higley added there are 13 RCIA participants coming into the Church at Easter. They meet three Tuesdays a month and will continue to meet a month after Easter. There are also 27 juniors and seniors to be confirmed on April 15.

Connie Schepers asked about “Why Catholic”. The Parish Council initially voted the parish would participate for a year and evaluate if we were to continue. Msgr. stated Earl Pabst would survey the groups after all have completed their sessions. The fee to participate is \$1,800 per year. This fee helps fund the area meetings that are held with keynote speakers. It will be discussed at a later meeting.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Social Concerns committee did not meet in October.

PARISH COUNCIL OLD BUSINESS

A drawing was held to determine the terms of the 8 new council members. Those who drew the two-year terms are Lana Massman, Larry Hartman, Vicki Clark and Brian Schulte. Those who drew the three-year terms are Jeanine Kunz, Jim Keven, Karen Jacquin and Richard McMichael.

The Council Commission members are as follows: **Social Concerns** – Brian Schulte, Jeanine Kunz and Karen Jacquin; **Education** – Jill Coyne, Lana Massman and Shelly Stumbaugh; **Worship and Spiritual Life** – Matt Fischer, Jim Keven and Vicki Clark; **Administration** – Larry Hartman, Richard McMichael and Connie Schepers.

NEW BUSINESS

Msgr. handed out the “Talking Points for the Deanery/Parishes/Groups.” He stated Earl Pabst is our representative to the DPC and he presented the talking points gathered from the Parish Council at the DPC meeting.

It was reported that Kenny Schulte's daughter Roseann is organizing a Relay for Life fundraiser in this community and would like to erect a BBQ sandwich stand on the church parking lot on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning during Mass times. It will be advertised. It was agreed by consensus that she may erect the stand.

MSGR. GREG'S COMMENTS:

Msgr. stated he would get in touch with everyone and set up committee meetings in advance.

Msgr. closed with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is May 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Schepers, Secretary