

MEETING MINUTES
ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 3/23/10
RECTORY – LOWER LEVEL – 7:30 PM

ATTENDANCE

	P	A		P	A		P	A
Pastor			Business Manager			Vira Schmidt, 3 rd yr	X	
Fr. Gerry Reinersman	X		Lee Kessen		X	Joe Butts, 2 nd yr		X
Associate Pastor			Board of Ed President			Missy Hickman, 2 nd yr	X	
Fr. Josh Lange	X		Jay Rottinghaus		X	Daryl Orth, 2 nd yr	X	
Director of Religious Education			Council Members			Christine Whelan, 2 nd yr	X	
Sr. Julaine Middendorf	X		Amy Hatfield – President, 3 rd yr	X		Raymond Donnelly, 1 st yr		X
Deacon			Chuck Pettit – Vice President, 3 rd yr		X	Beth Halderman, 1 st yr		X
Tim Schabell	X		Susan Bradtmueller–Secretary, 2 nd yr		X	D. Michael Moloney, 1 st yr	X	
Principal			Chris Ampfer, 3 rd yr	X		Garren Parker, 1 st yr	X	
Melissa Holzmacher	X		Jeanne Pettit, 3 rd yr		X	Joan Zai, 1 st yr	X	

P=Present and A=Absent

GUESTS

Two speakers from Christ Renews His Parish (“CRHP”). Ken and Ximena Burton, spoke to the group. Talked about how the program is an investment in your soul, faith, and the rest of your life.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by: Vira Schmidt

Seconded by: Missy Hickman

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PARISH REPORTS

PASTOR’S REPORT - Fr. Reinersman

Capital Campaign

- The phone-a-thon has been very successful in raising new and increased gifts to the 50th Anniversary Campaign. To date, over \$108,000 in new and increased gifts to the campaign have been raised. These funds will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Just as importantly, a very good spirit about the campaign was generated in the parish community.
- Fr. Reinersman and parish representatives will be meeting with Bishop Foy on March 26 to present our project, our financing plans and, finally, to request his consent to moving forward.

Budget 2012 – 2011

- Next year’s operating budget is very likely to be a deficit budget. This will require expense reductions in every possible aspect of parish operations.

House at 4021 Alexandria

- We were negotiating with an organization to lease the house. Unfortunately, the organization has decided to lease a property somewhere else.

Holy Week

- The staff is very busy planning for meaningful Holy Week Services.

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- The parish Christ Renews His Parish community has agreed to take on organizing the Seder meal on Holy Thursday. I am really grateful to the CRHP group for taking this project on as its stewardship for the parish.

Diocesan / Parish Annual Appeal

- We have received \$2,889.92 in rebates from last year's appeal.
- This year's diocesan goal is \$2,200,000.
- St. Joseph Parish's share of that goal is \$118,400 (about 5.25% of the diocesan goal). 100% of all funds collected over the goal are rebated back to the parish.
 - April 17-18 Announcement Weekend
 - April 24-25 Commitment Weekend
 - May 1-2 Follow-up Weekend
- The formula for setting parish goals is:
 - Each parish is calculated as a percentage of all parishes using the following statistics taken from the parish annual financial report:
 - Parish Sunday and holy day collections (averaged over 3 years)
 - Plus all fundraising (averaged over 3 years)
 - Minus the cost of schools (averaged over 3 years)
 - Example:
 - 1) St. Sample Parish results in net amount of \$1,000,000
 - 2) Total net amount for all parishes is \$12,000,000
 - 3) St. Sample's share (its goal) is 1/12th of the total Diocesan goal for the DPAA.

Significant Upcoming Events

- Nick Rottman's ordination to transitional diaconate on Saturday, March 27
- Deacon Ian McDole's ordination to priesthood on Saturday, June 19
 - Fr. Reinersman may be asking for assistance from various parish organizations to assist in arrangements; e.g. Boosters help set up tables and chairs, St. Mary's Ladies has already agreed to decorate tables.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Melissa Holzmacher

- The 8th Grade play, Fa Mulan, is Friday, March 26 at 8 pm, Saturday, March 27 at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 28 at 2 pm.
- Spring Pictures are Tuesday, March 30.
- Students will participate in a Seder Meal on March 31. Grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 will attend the meal at 11 am, and grades K, 2, 4, and 6 will attend the 12:30 pm meal. Some of the 8th graders will be at each meal.
- Megan Hamberg won the Diocesan Pro-Life Essay Contest. She will receive a \$500 scholarship. We also had five finalists: Olivia Johnston, Olivia Reinert, Megan Wolfe, Clay Verst, and Samantha Cetrulo.
- The Diocesan Competition was March 16. The following students competed: Jake Schulte, Jessica Vogt, Caroline Miller, MiKayla Seibert, Rachel Parnell, Erik Rieger, Mitch Pangallo, Carrie Todd, and Sarah Futscher. In the Science competition, Megan Hamberg received third place. In the Social Studies competition, Carrie Todd received second place. In the Art division, Jessica Vogt received second place in the drawing category, and Megan Wolfe received second place in the painting category. In Storytelling, Gio Bakunawa received first place.
- We are currently participating in the Healthy Food Challenge. This is a program that encourages students to eat five servings of fruits and vegetables daily. Students are asked to chart their progress for the week.
- There is no school on Holy Thursday or Good Friday; the following week is Spring Break.
- A survey was sent to all of our school families regarding the possibility of having an after-school program run by Children, Inc. Thirty-four families have expressed an interest in the after school program.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT - Sr. Julaine

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-Adult Faith Formation:

Theology of the Body held 4 sessions; we had 20-25 participants, mostly high school and college students. Little Rock ends March 30; we had roughly 16-18 participants.

-First Communion:

One Mass only this year: April 17, 2010 (Saturday).

Practice will be April 14, 2010.

Retreat will be April 16, 2010 (Friday).

-PSR:

Will experience Stations of the Cross on March 28, 2010.

Last class for the year is May 16, 2010.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT - Lee Kessen

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT – Jay Rottinghaus

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT (Missy Hickman, Jeanne Pettit, Joe Butts)

The Finance Committee assists the pastor and Parish Council in planning, providing, and supervising the parish financial resources for the current and future needs by utilizing solid and effective financial planning.

- Missy Hickman reported.
- Discussed Edline vs. report card and effect on rise in tuition delinquency.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE REPORT (C. Pettit*, C. Ampfer, D. Orth, C. Whelan, G. Parker)

The Maintenance, Planning & Development Committee assists the pastor in developing, planning, and communicating the long term strategic plans of the parish to meet the present and future needs of its parishioners while effectively utilizing its resources to enhance and maintain the parish plant and facilities.

- Next meeting moved to Holy Saturday morning.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Amy Hatfield, Ray Donnelly)

The Public Relations & Communications Committee promotes and develops the Parish Family Concept through the celebration of special events and activities that offer opportunities for spiritual growth, and keeps the parish informed utilizing available technology (website & emails).

- Parish picnic is coming up soon. We will need volunteers to assist with planning and set-up/take-down, etc.

SOCIAL ACTION & OUTREACH REPORT (Susan Bradtmueller*, Vira Schmidt, Chris Ampfer, Beth Halderman)

The Social Action and Outreach committee fosters a climate of openness and inclusion among the members of our parish (especially those that do not have children or extended families within the parish), reaches out to those in material and spiritual need, and increases awareness of the available support services.

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- The Interfaith Hospitality Network at St. Joseph will host next round of families the week of May 2, 2010.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society will take collections for their next Bundle Sunday on May 22-23, 2010. The St. Vincent de Paul Society district office has expressed appreciation for both the large quantity and the quality of the items that are donated by the St. Joseph parish conference. Plans are to conduct these twice a year (once in the spring, once in the fall). Any donations are greatly appreciated, as the Newport warehouse is experiencing a low inventory of household items due to the recession and local needs.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Deacon Tim, Mike Moloney)

The Stewardship Committee organizes the Time, Talent, and Treasures of our parish and appropriates them accordingly.

- A blurb was placed in the bulletin about parishioner time and talents.
- An article about this subcommittee will be in this weekend's Carpenter's Connection in the bulletin.

LITURGY & WORSHIP REPORT (Jeanne Pettit, Joan Zai)

The Liturgy & Worship Committee enhances and encourages full participation in a prayerful liturgical experience for the assembly while fostering the ongoing conversion and spirit of evangelization in the parish.

- Masses for Easter (April 3-4) will be 8:30 pm Saturday (Easter Vigil), 7 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 12:30 pm.
- Divine Mercy Devotion will be at 3 pm on April 11, 2010.

YOUTH & FAMILY REPORT (Vira Schmidt*, Amy Hatfield, Christine Whelan)

The Youth & Family Committee welcomes families (particularly those with young children) to participate in fellowship opportunities they provide.

- The March 4, 2010 Hearts for Haiti meal operated by the Service Stars netted \$1300 for the cause.
- Service Stars will visit/discuss the Food Pantry on April 18, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

- Drama Club gave \$5000 to the Adopt-a-Student fund.

OLD BUSINESS

- Continued to discuss plans for 50th Anniversary celebration.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by: Missy Hickman Seconded by: Daryl Orth

NEXT MEETING: Regular meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2010