

MEETING MINUTES
ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 4/27/10
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

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES with corrections:

Moved by: Daryl Orth

Seconded by: Vira Schmidt

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PARISH REPORTS

PASTOR'S REPORT - Fr. Reinersman

- 1) Holy Week
 - Exceptionally well-organized and carried out; thanks to so many dedicated staff and volunteers
 - Holy Thursday Seder Meal was especially memorable
 - Very grateful to CRHP community for taking on Seder Meal preparations
- 2) Christ Renews His Parish
 - Women's weekend was March 20-21 (7 women)
 - Men's weekend was April 24-25 (19 men)
- 3) Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal
 - Parish share of diocesan goal is \$118,400
 - \$46,239 pledged before commitment weekend (95 gifts and pledges)
 - \$42,730 pledged during commitment weekend (195 envelopes)
 - \$88,680 gets us to 75% of our parish goal
- 4) Golden Anniversary Capital Campaign
 - Reference newsletter #5; we will be able to achieve substantial part of what we set out to achieve
 - school renovations \$727,000
 - church renovations \$876,000
 - education endowment \$500,000
 - March 26, 2010 meeting with Bishop and Finance Representatives went well
 - Also had good meeting with Worship Committee; waiting for response

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- Now waiting for meeting with Diocesan Building Committee on Friday, May 7, 2010; with this committee's approval, we will likely begin in mid-June
- 5) Carpenter's Connection
 - May 1 deadline for May 15, 2010 publication
- 6) Pastor absent
 - Father Reinersman will be away May 10-18, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Melissa Holzmacher

- Walk-a-thon is April 30, 2010. We will have an all-school assembly on Friday at 2:15 pm. We will celebrate the ending of ITBS testing, give prizes for the Walk-a-thon, and honor our eighth grade boys' and girls' basketball teams by unveiling their banners that will be hung in the gym, as both teams were Diocesan champions this year.
- May Crowning is Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7 pm.
- Chess Club has started and will meet most Wednesdays in May.
- Robert Rogers will be here on Wednesday, May 5 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall to speak about his life experience. Mr. Rogers lost his wife and four children in a flash flood in Kansas in 2003. Since then, he has traveled around sharing his story and how his trust in God has gotten him through. We have asked him to speak on the power of prayer. There will be information in the bulletin this weekend, and we are sending this information to school families in grades 6 through 8.
- Friday, May 7, 2010 is Carnival.
- Wednesday, May 12 is the eighth grade talent show.
- Friday, May 14 is the eighth grade class trip, the 6th graders go to Kings Island, and the Campbell County Library will be coming to the school to speak to the rest of the students.
- Thanks to the PTO, the Cincinnati Opera will be coming to school on Monday, May 17 to perform Boheme Redux for grades 3-8.
- Our Kindergarten students will be given the First Grade Readiness test on May 19 and May 20 in their classrooms.
- Sunday, May 23 is the Used Uniform Sale in Memorial Hall from 9 am to 12 pm.
- Wednesday, May 26 is Eighth Grade Graduation at 7 pm in the church, with a reception following in Memorial Hall.
- Our last All School Mass is Friday, May 28. This is also the deadline for applying for PSAS assistance.
- Tuesday, June 1 is the last day of school. We will have Olympic Day that day, and then we will end the day with a prayer service in Memorial Hall. We do have bus service on our last day of school.
- Children's Inc. will be able to provide an After School Program for our families next year. There was enough interest expressed for childcare after school until 6 pm.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT - Sr. Julaine

- First Communion went well, including the switch to one Mass instead of two.
- May 2, 2010 will be closing of Sunday Preschool program.
- May 16, 2010 will be closing of PSR: the children and teachers will attend 9:30 am Mass and then head to Memorial Hall for a closing ceremony.
- One person has expressed interest in adult confirmation.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT - Lee Kessen

- Still in budget process; very tight budget.
- Diocesan financial audit will occur this year.
- We are regularly meeting with the Executive Committee of the Capital Campaign. We need approval from the Diocesan Building Committee before we get bids.
- Pictorial Directory is in process with LifeTouch.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT – Jay Rottinghaus

- One person has expressed interest in filling one of the open Board of Education slots; three slots are open.

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.

- Tuition is 6.4% delinquent this year (usually 2-3% this time of year). There are concerns, and Father Reinersman is planning to send a letter out to families with delinquent accounts.
- We are dropping Holy Redeemer Parish support (\$350/month).
- The letter which circulated to school families about the tuition increase stated that Parish Council approved the final tuition amount; however, Parish Council never discussed it.

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.

- General permit has been put in place.
- Meeting with Diocesan Building Committee on May 7, 2010.
- Future projects/needs: rectory windows, concrete drives, outside lighting.
- Next meeting: May 15, 2010.

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).

- RCIA will host the next Fellowship Sunday (doughnuts).
- Parish picnic will be Saturday, June 5, 2010.
- Bagels were introduced at April 2010 Fellowship Sunday.
- We need to remind other organizations to make sure they contact web master to keep the website up-to-date on their organization news, events, 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.

- The St. Joseph Parish's Interfaith Hospitality Network welcomes their next set of families starting on May 2, 2010. Two of St. Joe's coordinators (Helen Bailey and Jim Bradtmueller) attended a multi-church "coordinators' meeting" at the IHN center in Newport. The meeting was held on Saturday, March 27, 2010, with nineteen coordinators present from the participating churches in Northern Kentucky. The agenda included: (a) a new Family Promise/IHN video explaining the program; (b) a testimonial from a former guest, Jessica, with her son Luke; (c) a tour of the Transitional Housing facility; (d) an update on current programs.

- We have talked with Paul Gottbrath from Be Concerned, and he has asked if we will repeat the Backpacks supply drive for the urban schools/low income students this summer (asking for 2-3 low cost school supplies to be donated at Masses

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one weekend). The subcommittee will discuss with Father Reinersman to get approval and to prepare the appropriate flyer/shopping slips. We need to ensure the collection does not interfere with Masses or vestibule traffic (will likely use bins outside and transfer directly to Be Concerned van after each Mass, as we did last summer). We'll be asking for volunteers to help with collection once logistics are firmed up.

- St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their next Bundle Sunday collection on May 22-23, 2010 in the church parking lot. Please spread the word and pass along to anyone finishing up their spring cleaning!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Deacon Tim, Mike Moloney)

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

- The committee continues to work on items from last month.

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.

- Holy Week comments for next year? Thinking about service at noon, and 7:00pm and stations of the cross at 3:00pm—just thinking and talking about the possibility.

- May Crowning: Intercession after homily-sing or say the rosary on the way to Mary.

- First Communion for next year: Move the date b/c Easter is the 24th of April. They will check with Mrs. Holzmacher and Sister on a different date—April 9th?

- Mass schedule in the summer will remain at 6:30 and 8:30 on weekdays. We should make sure Masstimes.org states the correct times.

- Server/choir reward day still working out a date; June 24th?

- Eucharistic devotion/40 Hours Closing November 13 and 14th- perhaps having a pot luck dinner after Closing on the 14th—Church will supply the meat, everyone else bring something. Father will decide after he talks to the ladies who fix dinner for the priests that attend the Closing; they have been doing this for several years.

After parish festival, church will close for the rest of August, Sept, and October 2010 —Mass will be held in the cafeteria. Daily Mass times/logistics to be determined.

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.

- Service Stars did spring cleaning in the school.

- Next meeting on location at Redwood Rehabilitation Center or at Sister Reinette's Urban Education Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations of parish council officers for next year: Joe Butts, President; Missy Hickman, Vice President; Susan Bradtmueller, Secretary (absent, must confirm).

- Parish Council will be looking for five 1st-year council members for 2010-2011.

- Jon Michniuk will be heading to Immaculate Heart of Mary this summer.

- Eric Belcher will be coming to St. Joe's this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

- 50th Anniversary Celebration date and committee: looking at January 2011 or February 2011 for celebration.

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ADJOURNMENT: Moved by: Joe Butts Seconded by: Missy Hickman

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