

MEETING MINUTES
ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, 5/26/09
RECTORY – LOWER LEVEL – 7:30PM

ATTENDANCE

		P	A			P	A			P	A	
Pastor					Business Manager					Marilyn Lauer, 3 rd yr	X	
Fr. Gerry Reinersman		X		Lee Kessen		X		Vira Schmidt, 2 nd yr		X		
Associate Pastor					Board of Ed President					Jeanne Pettit, 2 nd yr	X	
Fr. Martin Pitstick		X		Jay Rottinghaus			X	Tony Reinert, 3 rd yr		X		
Director of Religious Education					Council Members					Christine Whelan, 1 st yr		X
Sr. Julaine Middendorf		X		Amy Hatfield – President, 2 nd yr		X		Missy Hickman, 1 st yr		X		
Deacon					Chuck Pettit – Vice President, 2 nd yr		X	Daryl Orth, 1 st yr				X
Tim Schabell		X		Chris Ampfer – Secretary, 3 rd yr		X		Susan Bradtmueller, 1 st yr		X		
Principal					Patricia Heck, 3 rd yr		X	Joe Butts, 1 st yr		X		
Melissa Holzmacher		X		Greg Owens, 3 rd yr		X		Open Council Position, 2yr				

P=Present and **A**=Absent

GUESTS

- Jim Sickmeyer of Holy Name Society.
- New council member Ray Donnelly

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Moved by: Tony

Seconded by: Patricia

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mark Schroder of the Holy Name Society requesting that “No Smoking” signs be added to the Memorial Hall and that the outside ashtrays be moved further away from the entrance doors.

PARISH REPORTS

PASTOR’S REPORT - Fr. Reinersman

I Feasibility Study for Capital Campaign

- Interviews for the Feasibility Study are underway. Hope to have them completed by July1, 2009.
- The decision to proceed with the campaign will go to the diocese by August.
- If campaign is considered feasible, the Capital Campaign will start in the Fall

II Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

- Susan Bradtmueller Helen Bailey (school nurse), and Fr. Gerry met with Dave Roeding of IHN
- The parish will need 65 volunteers for the week when it is our turn to host the IHN. St. Joe’s already has 20+ volunteers helping with IHN at Asbury Methodist in Highland Heights.
- Host parish shelters and feeds a homeless family for 1 week every 2 to 3 months. The week of October 11th through the 17th is the parish’s first week to host IHN.
- IHN carries their own insurance.
- IHN homeless families are put up at hotels during holidays when volunteers are hard to find.
- The convent is ideal for this
- Homeless family would arrive at 7pm each evening and leave by 7:30am each day

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- Volunteers have to be Virtus trained.

III Priest Changes – July 1st

- Fr. Martin has been reassigned as Pastoral Administrator at St. Peter & Paul Church in California, KY.
- Fr. Josh Lange has been assigned to our parish.

IV Other Staff Changes

- Sr. Julaine will remain as Director of Religious Education, (DRE)
- Vickie Klocke will become Coordinator of RCIA.
- Stephen Fischer will be Coordinator of PSR.

V Seminarians

- John Michniuk is returning for the summer to the parish
- Deacon Ian McDole will be ordained a priest on Saturday June 19, 2010.
- Nick Rottman will be ordained a deacon the Saturday before Palm Sunday next year.

VI 50th Anniversary of 1st Mass in our Church

- Need to start thinking about how we would like to commemorate the anniversary.
- Marcie Kremer and Connie Verst will go through boxes of historic photos and display them in the convent as a way to show our heritage.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Melissa Holzmacher

- 8th grade graduation and closing Liturgy is Wednesday May 27th
- Last all school mass is Friday May 29th
- School 1st Band Concert is Monday June 1st in Memorial Hall.
- Last day of school is June 2nd. Day consists of Kindergarten Celebration, Olympic Day, day-ending Prayer Service in Memorial Hall.
- Teachers meetings June 3rd through 5th. Teacher religion classes are June 8th.
- Students may sponsor a booth at the Festival this summer.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT - Sr. Julaine

- Need PSR co-teacher for 6th grade
- Father's Day gifts are a flyer and a pen.
- PSR breakfast June 7th.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT - Lee Kessen

- Lee, Chuck, and Jim Pelgen met since last meeting and discussed a numbering scheme for the classrooms and the needs for the parish bathrooms.
- Concrete sidewalk to the rectory and steps to the Activity Center are scheduled for replacement.
- Boosters would like to re-model the concession area in the gym. Boosters will pay for the refurbishment. They are preparing a plan to present to council.
- Lee will send e-mails to parishioners asking for an RSVP to the Parish Picnic.
- A Home Inspection was performed on the Steffen Property. The AC needs some work and there are a few structural questions that need to be addressed.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT – Jay Rottinghaus

No Report.

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.

- Outstanding tuition is 3.9%.
- Adopt-a-Student Flyers will be going out to parishioners to explain the program.
- Discussing reducing tuition for out of parish families.
- Discussed financing for Steffen Property.

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

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.

- PD&M next meeting is June 6th.
- Continued with discussions on: elevator layout, pew spacing, sanctuary layout, acoustic panel cleaning, augmenting sound system, light fixture replacement, roof repairs/replacements, and school A/C.

PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Tony Reinert*, Greg Owens, Amy Hatfield)

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).

- Directory photos being taken in June, sign ups for sessions a little slow – visit website to schedule online
- Last doughnut Sunday was hosted by Girl Scouts, next one is June 21st and we will honor and wish farewell to Fr. Martin (possibly hosted by Seniors)
- July doughnut Sunday (Father's Day) will also be new parishioners and possibly new priest welcome
- Picnic plans continue – June 6th after 5pm mass, spread the word - will need help with set up and clean up

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

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.

