

MEETING MINUTES
ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, 9/22/09
RECTORY – LOWER LEVEL – 7:30PM

ATTENDANCE

| | P | A | | P | A | | P | A |
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| 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 | | | 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 | | | 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

Moved by: Vira Schmidt

Seconded by: Mike Moloney

CORRESPONDENCE

Amy reported that she sends handwritten thank you notes to Doughnut Sunday hosts/organizations.

PARISH REPORTS

PASTOR’S REPORT - Fr. Reinersman

Absent – at priest retreat.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT - Melissa Holzmacher

- Eighth grade students have been going on Insights Retreats. The students meet at Mother of God Church in Covington and learn about Parish Kitchen, Welcome House, Be Concerned, and Fairhaven Rescue Mission. This is coordinated through Catholic Charities.
- Fourth grade went to visit Frankfort for a social studies unit about government.
- Book Fair will be held the week of September 28, 2009, with parent/family night on Thursday, October 1, 2009.
- Teachers will be attending the OCEA Conference in Cincinnati on October 8-9, 2009.
- Fall Break will be the following week, Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 16, 2009.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT - Sr. Julaine

No report.

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT - Lee Kessen

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- All Capital Campaign communications were mailed out. Some letters were put in the wrong envelopes, but otherwise all is going fairly well. Seventeen families have made pledges so far. Captains should be following up with calls this week.
- Poster boards for the campaign have been put up at the school and the church.

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.

- The parish has collected close to \$15,000 from last year.
- The plan is to discontinue the GROW fund until the Capital Campaign is over. There is still money in the GROW fund right now, approximately \$40,000-\$45,000. This money will be used to pay architects and the consultant; it will be reimbursed when campaign money comes in.
- The group discussed deferring the Diocese offertory program for the year. Father will talk to Bishop Foys about that possibility.

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.

No report.

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).

- The September Doughnut Sunday was very well-attended.
- There will be no Doughnut Sunday get-togethers held in October and December because of the Foresters' pancake breakfasts.
- Parish Council and the Board of Education will have a Christmas party in December at Vira Schmidt's home.

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.

- Interfaith Hospitality Network plans continue to move forward. The first week we will be hosting families is October 4-11, 2009. We will have help from these six churches in staffing our weeks: Carthage United Methodist (California, KY), St. John Lutheran (Melbourne), St. Joseph (Camp Springs), St. Paul United Church of Christ (Alexandria), St. Thomas (Fort Thomas), and First Baptist Church (Cold Spring). The convent has had several items updated/fixed, and the fire department conducted an audit. David Roeding, IHN Executive Director, conducted a general volunteer training meeting on September 2, 2009. He also met with the church coordinators for St. Joe's and the other "helper" churches on September 17, 2009. We have a final convent cleaning detail

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scheduled for Saturday, September 26 from 9 am-3pm. We have most meals and evening host positions covered, but could still use helpers for the overnight host/hostess positions (helping with late night homework, locking down facility overnight, sleeping at convent to be available for emergencies, and helping families get out the door in the morning) and the driver positions (picking up families from Newport at 4:30 pm and/or driving them back to Newport at 6:30 am). If you or someone you know is interested in helping with this very worthwhile cause, please contact Helen Bailey, Carol and Gary Enzweiler, or Jim and Susan Bradtmueller. Please continue to spread the word to your parish groups.

- The next St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday collection event will be held Saturday, October 31, and Sunday, November 1, 2009.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Deacon Tim, Mike Moloney)

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

Deacon Tim and Mike Moloney will have their first formal meeting this week.

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.

- Committee discussed the closing of 40 Hours on Sunday, October 25, at 4 pm. They thought having a procession outside would be more of a public witness to our Eucharistic Faith. The procession route would be out the front doors of the church, down the side of the drive, along 27 on the sidewalk, back up the sidewalk next to the parking lot, up the hill and back into the front doors of the church.
- October 28, 2009, is the Ministry Dinner. There was discussion about sending email invites to those with designated email addresses and snail mail to others.
- Meetings for the Liturgy & Worship Committee have changed to the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. This time works well for all members of the committee and does not appear to conflict with other regularly-scheduled meetings.
- There will be training for anyone interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on Sunday, September 26 at 11 am in the church. It will last about an hour. The time has been changed from what was previously communicated in the bulletin. All those who had previously RSVP'd have been contacted about the time change. If anyone else is interested in attending the training or knows of someone who may be interested, he/she can call Jeanne Pettit at j.pettit@inghtbb.com.

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 will have a speaker regarding children's advocacy.
- Services Stars will also have a stray animal adoption event on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Huff Realty.
- The children of Service Stars have been asked to provide gently-used stuffed animals for Interfaith Hospitality Network.
- Toddler Time will have an open house this Sunday, September 27, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

The goal is to publish the pictorial directory in spring 2010.

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