

St. Patrick Pastoral Parish Council Official Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2006
Submitted by John Bremenkamp, Secretary.

The PPC meeting convened on August 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory basement meeting room. It was called to order by the Vice President, Shawn Piers, with an opening prayer by Fr. Donton. Those in attendance were: Rev Joseph P. Donton, Deacon Jim Maubach, Dr. Matt Gorman, Loran Hoffmann, Misti Cave, Vern Mall, Dr. Shawn Piers, John Grillot, Mark Redden, Scott Gonia, Loran Hoffmann, John Bremenkamp and Morrie Franz. Excused was Jodi Bearce Mello. Absent was Bill DeBoeuf.

The minutes of May 16, 2006 were amended and then approved with a motion by Morrie Franz and seconded by Vern Mall.

PASTOR'S REMARKS

Reconstruction phases of various projects around the school grounds is progressing to completion for this year. This includes the painting of various walls, tiles being installed, new toilets, new handicap accessibility in the bathrooms, planning for a formal wall of service in the main hall entry, etc. The downstairs now contains the library, a new band room, new supply closets, rearranged other closets, storage for chairs and meeting space. The new gym floor is completed too.

The announcement to the parish of Jeff Wendy residing as a guest at our rectory (at the request of the Bishop) has resulted in numerous questions from many sources to Father Donton. They have all been answered and business is as usual. Dr. Shawn Piers noted a sensitivity about Jeff Wendy's exposure to the school and its students, of which there will be none.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the next meeting (September 19, 2006) the council members will be appointing chairpersons for the Parish Council Commissions and the approving of officers, since there will not be an election of officers this year.

FINANCE COMMISSION

Morrie Franz went over the financial report as contained in addendum #1. John Grillot requested a response about parish financial concerns and plans when the parish encounters an inevitable down turn of the U.S. economy. Father Donton responded by saying that there would be obvious cutbacks in spending and tighter budgeting. In light of this, he mentioned that energy costs will increase sharply very soon. Therefore he has implemented a two year cost stabilization program to hold down this cost and avoid large future costs.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMISSION

Vern reviewed the report as contained in addendum #2. Vern also commented on the nice appearance of the out door stations of the cross that were reconstructed and repainted by John Bremenkamp..

Dr. Gorman asked about plans for a parish hall. Fr. Donton responded that two major expenditures were of higher priority: parking lot and school windows.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Mark Redden reported that Mary Cagle will be the representative from the board of education to the Ministry Commission and helping with the JOB FAIR program. Registration for 2006-2007 numbered 240 students (including pre-kindergarten) for the first semester. Dr. Sharon Weiss, the school principal, created a spiritual development document for a future program to be implemented at Saint Patrick's for all its students. The Peoria Diocese is under going an investigation and review for hosting parish meetings addressing a cost basis and needs requirement for religious education. It places emphasis on the viability for many future years of catholic education around the diocese. This fits in with the goals of Saint Patrick's Board of Education, also working and planning for the future operation of the school. Mark reported that the cost per day for one student for year 2005-2006 was \$23.56 or \$4241 for the year attending Saint Patrick's Catholic School in Washington.

Colleen Marvin retired. Vicki Longbuckel, a former cafeteria worker, will become a new secretary helping Cindy LaHood. Mary Allen Ricka retired after teaching thirty years. Terry Wong will become the kindergarten teacher. Doreen Shipman will head up the computer program and its education. Roy Tesh, previously employed as school principals, will teach the fifth grade. Fr. Caster will spontaneously help out. Fr. Donton will help with cooking and woodworking shop skills.

LITURGY COMMISSION

Misti Cave reported that the Liturgy Group did not meet in August. Morrie added that the Bible Study Committee is hosting a "Great Adventure – A Journey through the Bible" series on DVD by Jeff Cavins. Registration and fee of \$25 is applicable. DVD video and workbooks are involved. It will be held in the Church on Sunday and Monday nights for twenty-four weeks starting September 10.

The Parish Mission will be chaired by John and Peg Hafner to be held in Lent of 2007.

PARISH MINISTRIES

None.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMMISSION

None.

ELECTION COMMISSION

None.

SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Morrie Franz placed a motion to dissolve the Special Stewardship Committee that had been formed to study the Dicesan Kit on Stewardship. Misti Cave seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was read vocally to change the Pastoral Parish Constitution and By Laws to reorganize duties of the Music and Liturgy Commission and rename the Parish Minister Commission to Discipleship Commission. It was approved by Father Donton. The

motion was made by Morrie Franz and seconded by Vern Mall. The motion carried. The Constitution and By Laws will be rewritten and presented at the next meeting. Father Donton will submit to the Diocese the change in the Constitution and By-Laws including the removal of a reference to an October meeting and adding the occurrence of a September meeting.

Morrie Franz volunteered to be the temporary chairperson for the Discipleship Commission that might become official at the September Parish Council meeting. He has a detailed plan for its implementation. The Discipleship Commission will start by building up communication among the parishioners for a successful annual renewal in November of:

(1.) November 5 -- Time & Talent with ministry job fare – opportunities for parish service for Time and Talent and

(2.) November 12 -- Stewardship of Treasure.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Next meeting is September 19, 2006.

Vern Mall motioned to adjourn. Morrie Franz seconded.

ADDENDUM 1

Finance Commission Report to the Parish Council for August 15, 2006

1. At the May meeting we reported that the parish weekly income for March was 9.85% over budget and for April it was 1.03% over budget. The income for the fiscal year to date was about 1% over budget.

In May, the parish weekly income was 6% under budget, and in June it was 3.8% under budget. The fiscal year ended up at right at the budget, just a few dollars over budget. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done.

In July, the parish weekly income has been \$16,538 per week for a 5 week month. This has been pretty good for the summertime, and for a 5 week month. However, it is about 5% or \$939 per week short of the new budget requirements of \$17,477 (the old fiscal year the requirement was \$16,727/wk)

At the end of June we had about \$28,000 in unpaid bills, and at the end of July we had \$23,512 in unpaid bills. So, we are just squeaking by. We need to maintain spending constraint.

2. I reported last time that I had gotten most of the Parish Capital Spending spreadsheets for the last year finished and summarized. I have not made any progress on this since that time. Sorry. Too many irons in the fire.

3. The ADA campaign was held this year on April 29th. The results were excellent. The pledges as of July 27 were \$84,095 from 550 parishioners. The goal is \$56,353, so the pledges are 49% or \$27,742 over the goal!!! As you recall, 100% of the amount over actually paid that is over the goal is returned to the parish. Thank you to all of our faithful parishioners.

4. We received another \$22,158 for the Rooted in Faith Campaign this quarter. In the Rooted In Faith Campaign parishioners have now paid in \$514,105 which is over the original goal of \$431,448. Thus from now on any returns will come to us at an 80% rate rather than a 20% rate.

Our pledged amount was \$729,591 from 394 donors. We have received just over \$152,416 back so far. Most excellent!!

The Diocese sends returns on a quarterly basis after they receive actual payments. As you recall we said that we would spend these funds on the church renovation, on improving the music programs, on parish mission programs, and on the Sister Mary Ann School Endowment. Each time we receive the quarterly rebates, Judy and Father allot that money to those programs.

5. The budget for this next fiscal year was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting. The budget sheets were revised slightly at the end of the June to reflect the actuals for the past fiscal year. That budget will be handed out to parishioners soon. The budgeted weekly Sunday income for Church and School (not including tuition) for the new year will be \$17,477, which is up by 4.5%. It will be a challenge to keep up with the increase, but it should be doable with the increase in population growth of the parish. We plan on an extra push this year on Discipleship and the response to giving ourselves to Him, which is Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Submitted by Morrie Franz, August 15, 2006

ADDENDUM 2

Building and Grounds Report
August, 2006

All of the planning for the playgrounds for pre-K located between the Convent and School and the playground located at 101 Harvey St has been completed.

Trees and shrubs on the West side of the convent have been removed and improvements started. The 2 trees at 101 Harvey St have been pruned and the dead wood removed. Much of this preparation work was completed with retired Parishioners and Father Danton's skills operating the skid steer loader. It is amazing how anxious our retired Parishioners are to help. Just a few phone calls gets a crew to complete most any project.

Work on the renovation of the 2 restrooms located on the main floor of the school is well underway.

It appears that the bulk of the improvements are on schedule with a completion date of the opening of the new school year.

Vern Mall

ADDENDUM 3

1. Discipleship Commission – Mary Cagle has agreed to represent the Commission on Education.
2. Registration and Fees – Held August 3, 2006
3. Spiritual Development Plan – Principal created plan that lists practical ways to aid faith development of students, faculty, and staff. Available upon request.
4. Cost Based/Needs Based Tuition – Diocese will host a series of meetings for school administrators and staff to review need/benefit of cost based/needs based tuition. (Cost to educate students in 2005-2006 was \$4241/student.)