

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Bob Kazimour at 6:30 PM

OPENING PRAYER: Bob Kazimour

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Kazimour, Pat Mooney, Bob Boes, Mark Harman, Bob Crawford, Patti Jansa, Jim Piersall, Dwayne May, & George Joens.

ADJUNCTS PRESENT: Msgr. Bleich, Dave Martin

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: Approved as presented.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Dave Martin reported that RCIA continues to meet. Confirmation letters are being sent out. One additional catechist is needed for Confirmation instruction. First Communion will be held on April 20.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND Liturgy: Mark Harman

The Council gave positive comments relative to both the Christmas and the Holy Days Celebrations and decorations. More Mass servers are now available.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Bob Crawford

The Iowa tax credit is available for parents with children in the Catholic Schools who apply. A letter has been received from Slayton Thompson (CR Public Schools) requesting financial support from St. Wenceslaus for the approximately 710 homeless children in the Community. Discussion ensued as to whether St. Wenceslaus is an appropriate source for this type of funding, and if so, how the money would be raised. This issue was tabled pending more information.

DEANERY MEETING:

Msgr. Bleich mentioned that the Deanery Council discussed concerns related to family life with its many activities and how this may impact participation in Church events. It is projected that a 20% reduction in the number of priests in the Diocese will occur by the year 2015. This would result in a reduction of five priests in the Cedar Rapids area.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Dwayne May

Those who performed vandalism on Church property have been dealt with by legal authorities. Dave Martin will acquire a bid for sweeping sand from parking and sidewalks. Cracks in the parking lots need to be filled. The Church phone system needs to be updated. A quote will be obtained from Intel.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE: Patti Jansa

Monica's Circle will make the kolaches for Houby Days. The kolach baking class has not yet been scheduled. Visiting Angles completed their Easter visits. Golden Oldies are in need of more members. A Goulash Day meeting will be held in May. There will be a parish luncheon on Sunday, March 30. Bunyan Howell will prepare the meat for Houby

Days. The Spring cleaning of the Church will be scheduled in April. Houby Days activities will include a breakfast from 7:00 to 11:00 AM and a pork and dumpling dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Saturday, May 17. Parish Council members are asked to assist at the dinner. There will also be a breakfast on Sunday, May 18 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the gym. Patti will prepare the planters for Houby Days.

FINANCE: Jim Piersall

A motion was made to pay the bills (Piersall / Kazimour). St. Wenceslaus Parish is currently in a period of declining income and increasing expenses. The various reasons for higher expenses were indicated, including the increased snow removal this past winter. This is a situation that cannot continue indefinitely and needs to be brought to the attention of the parishioners.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Nothing additional

PASTOR'S REPORT: Nothing additional

NEW BUSINESS: Parish Council elections will be held in May.

CLOSING PRAYER: Msgr. Bleich

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2008 at 6:30 PM