

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Pat Mooney at 7:00 PM

OPENING PRAYER: Pat Mooney

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Mooney, Bob Boes, Mark Harman, Bob Crawford, Jim Piersall,
& George Joens

ADJUNCTS PRESENT: Msgr. Blich, Fr. Hernandez, & Dave Martin

GUESTS PRESENT: Dave & Rose Burke

Dave and Rose Burke inquired about the status of the land south of the Church that has been deeded to the City for the purpose of development. Council members noted that development has not occurred in part because of the cost of a new railroad crossing. Council members will approach the City Manager about this issue. Also, it was noted that a conflict occurred between the timing of the All Saints Anniversary Celebration and our Goulash Day. The Deanery Meeting of priests attempts to avoid such conflicts.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Dave Martin reported that of the 17 St. Wenceslaus students attending religious education, 13 are eligible to serve Mass but only one is actually serving. Fr. Hernandez will train students to serve during the October 10 religious education session. It will be suggested to Mary McEniry that a service component be added to the religious education curriculum that includes serving at Mass. It was also suggested that a coordinator of Mass servers be identified and that letters be sent to parents explaining the shortage of Mass servers.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND LITURGY: Mark Harman

A concern from parishioners was presented relative to the need to clean the Church and the gym. November 1 has been set as a tentative date to clean the Church. There is a need for a short in-service to train lectors to use the new sound system. The date for this training will be set at the next Liturgy Committee meeting. Volunteers have come forward to serve as alternate organists. Mark will ask at least one of these volunteers to meet with Dave Martin who will arrange for this individual to audition with Pat Beer.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Bob Crawford

Bob attended a Deanery Meeting dealing with social concerns and described a program presented called "Kids Against Hunger" that can feed many people for little money. This program might be offered through St. Vincent De Paul.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE:

Dave Martin reported that the gross income for Goulash Day was \$19,756.82. This is roughly comparable to previous years. There is a need for St. Monica's circle to schedule training for additional kolache makers. These trainees might come from other parishes. This training event could also be a fundraiser as the kolaches made could be sold. Msgr. Bleich congratulated Pat Mooney for his efforts in the Goulash Day planning and coordination.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Repair work is needed on the Rectory due to a water leak problem. A bid has been received outlining the cost of this repair. Ryan Siding Company will be contacted relative to work done a few years ago to the Rectory roof. Justice Electric has replaced burnt out fluorescents in the gym with brighter fluorescents. Ice melt compound is in stock for winter.

FINANCE: Jim Piersall

A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills (Piersall / Harman). Revenue is growing and budget income is up by 4.1%, suggesting larger donations.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Dave Martin

We could possibly make application for Hotel/Motel tax revenue to fund some venture related to community culture and education. We need to define what our project might be.

CLOSING PRAYER: Msgr. Bleich

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

NEXT MEETING: October 23 at 7:00 PM