

These draft meeting minutes await review and approval  
by the Parish Council

**SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
Tuesday September 20, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Fawkes, Bill Haas, Terry Herrman, Karen Popelka, LuAnn Vulgamott, Jonathan Weber, Chuck Gilarski, Alan Christy, and Jean Kresse.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bud Montang and Father Terry

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Lawlor, Randy Dalhoff, and Bob Hauser.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ed Fawkes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **PRAYER:** Ed Fawkes led the group in prayer from the [Prayers for Parish Councils](#).
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the July and August meetings were presented and corrected as follows: July minutes – no correction. August minutes – **Bill Haas** asked that the word *personal* be stricken from line four of the Spiritual Growth & Liturgy report under item #4. Bill also asked to strike the word *his* and add *John Pesek's* to the second line of his comments under item #6.B. The minutes from the July and August meetings were **APPROVED** by **MOTION** as amended.

**4. STAFF REPORTS:**

**Spiritual Growth & Liturgy – Bob Hauser** reviewed some of the points made in the minutes of the Committee, which were included in the packets ([See addendum #1](#)). He mentioned that during the meeting, the committee spent considerable time with the self-assessment. Bob hopes to be almost finished with the assessment after the next meeting. Bob also asked the Council to note some of the upcoming engagements listed in item #1 of the minutes.

Bob mentioned that St. Thomas Aquinas has invited a guest speaker to present a workshop on Lector Ministries. Bob will publish an announcement in the bulletin inviting members from our parish to attend the workshop as the date draws near.

**Bill Haas** mentioned that Fr. Ronald Rolheiser will present a conference at the Gateway Center early next year. (Secretary's Note: From information later e-mailed to me, the conference is on *The Community of Disciples in a Complex Time* at the Gateway Conference Center on April 2-3, 2006.) [For additional info, please see addendum #11](#). Bill also mentioned that another Good Neighbor benefit concert will be held in Ames this year.

**Youth Ministry Report - Joe Lawlor** distributed a written report ([see addendum #2](#)) as well as providing a verbal update.

Joe mentioned that the religious education class for grades 9-12 kicked-off this past Sunday. There are 115 registered students this year. He also mentioned that he has spent considerable time with some student's parents, clearing-up a little confusion between the Generations of Faith and Youth Ministry programs.

Joe mentioned that there are three spots available on N.C.Y.C. trip to Atlanta, GA on October 26-30. He went on to comment that the Appalachia trip was a huge success.

Joe was very happy to report that St. Cecilia's began a gathering for middle school youth. The youth and team members will meet twice each month and over 115 youth attended the last meeting. The core team members consist of Judy Rudman, Megan Baughman, John Hayes, Jon Weber and Joe. More information can be found in the Youth Ministry's report.

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**Financial Report** – **Arlene Stacy** reviewed some of the items in her report, which was included in the packet ([see addendum #3](#)).

**Randy Dalhoff** handed out a report from the Finance Committee Audit and commented on the contents. Arlene also commented on some of the Findings and Recommendations. **Bill Haas** asked Arlene if she could report back to the Council on any changes that were made resulting from the findings of the audit. Although some corrections have already been implemented, Arlene mentioned that she could develop a summary for the next Council meeting.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Archdiocesan Survey** – **Ed Fawkes** collected any completed surveys. He will compile the surveys when they have all been turned in.
- B. Cornfest** – **Jean Kresse** asked if members would comment on the different aspects of the day.

**Bill Haas** mentioned we should congratulate Johnny Coder for growing the corn and Bill Ripp for picking it. Both gentlemen have contributed a great deal to the success of Cornfest and sometimes their efforts are overlooked.

**Terry Herrman** mentioned that the games could begin earlier next year and perhaps we could bring back the musical entertainment after the meal. Jean mentioned that all of the leftover food went to Food at First.

**Chuck Gilarski** talked about the timing problems he had with cooking the corn. He went on to say that he took copious notes for next year. Several members agreed that the location in the east school playground was ideal.

- C. Committee Self-Evaluation** – **Bill Haas** asked when the Parish Council would like to begin its own self-evaluation. **Ed Fawkes** suggested that we should consider beginning the process during the November PC meeting and he will add it to the agenda. Bill will e-mail the focus information to prepare for the November meeting. Ed suggested that November would be a good time to get the other committees started on their evaluations as well; the members were in agreement.
- D. Parish Community Life Coordinator** – **Ed Fawkes** spoke about the open position for the Parish Life Committee Coordinator. He said that Cindy Baughman tried it out on a temporary basis, but has since declined the position.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Parish Pot Luck** – **Ed Fawkes** asked if anyone was interested in helping Joan Jones with the meal and serve as greeter for the evening. **Karen Popelka** agreed to help. The meal will be served in the Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Program Review** – **Ed Fawkes** reminded the committee that it will soon be time to review the Spiritual Growth & Liturgy and Youth Ministry programs.
- C. Parish Council Breakfast** – **Ed Fawkes** asked the committee to consider changing the date of the PC breakfast to January 8 instead of the February date. There was general agreement by the members to the earlier date.

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**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

**Elections** - No report.

**Good Shepherd Representative** – **LuAnn Vulgamott** handed out her report ([see addendum #4](#)) and discussed some of the items contained therein. LuAnn asked to have the religious education volunteers from Good Shepherd recognized in the parish bulletin.

**Deanery** – No report.

**Parish Community Life** - **Jean Kresse** mentioned that a new person may have been identified for the coordinator position.

**Facilities** – **Ed Fawkes** mentioned that there are some pews to repair and promised to have them in good condition before the Holiday season. Ed also discussed the lighting conditions in the parking lot south of the school. The council agreed that the lighting conditions are very poor. **Alan Christy** agreed to look into the situation. Ed asked for a **MOTION** to grant Alan permission to consider remediation using a Building Committee change-order. **Bill Haas** called the **MOTION**, second by **Jean Kresse**; council **APPROVED**.

**Youth Ministry**- **Karen Popelka** mentioned that a report was in the packet ([see addendum #5](#)). Karen also commented that she attended the organizational meeting and was very impressed with the ideas coming from the youth leaders and the way Judy Rudman had organized this event.

**Long Range Building Committee** – **Alan Christy** mentioned that the steel was up and the crane was down. He surmised that the construction was about three weeks behind schedule and concrete inside the narthex would not be poured until next spring. Alan went on to say that Russell Construction intends to widen the sidewalk on the north side of church. **Terry Herrman** asked if they could also add to the length of the east-west sidewalk in front of the school. Last year that area was a concern for students arriving to school on snowy days. Alan agreed to check into that.

**Social Concerns Committee** – **Chuck Gilarski** reviewed some key items contained in the meeting minutes ([see addendum #6](#)). Chuck also mentioned that Patty Rua is looking for a new chairperson.

**Sanctity of Life** – **Jon Weber** enjoyed his first visit with the committee and commented on their passion. A report was included in the Parish Council packet ([see addendum #7](#)). **Bill Haas** asked whether they developed their own Mission Statement. Jon replied that he thought they developed it last year.

**Board of Education** – Committee minutes included in packet ([see addendum #8](#)).

**Family Life Committee** - **Terry Herrman** distributed the September committee minutes and reported on a few highlights ([see addendum #9](#)).

**Finance and Administration** – **Randy Dalhoff**, report in packet ([see addendum #10](#)).

**8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK** – None

**9. PASTORAL COMMENTS** – None

**10. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting closed with an Our Father and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Herrman, Recording Secretary Pro Tempore