

These meeting minutes were approved
at the 17 January 2006 meeting.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Popelka, Jonathan Weber, Ed Fawkes, Chuck Gilarski, Terry Herrman, Bill Haas, Alan Christy, Pat Halbur, Jean Kresse, Bud Montang, and Father Terry.

MEMBERS ABSENT: LuAnn Vulgamott

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlene Stacy, Randy Dalhoff, Bob Hauser, Therese Baker and Jim Westphal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ed Fawkes called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **PRAYER:** Alan Christy led the group in prayer.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Bill Haas requested that the section regarding the self-assessment process be replaced by the new assessment tabulation created by him. **Motion** by **Terry Herrman**, supported by **Chuck Gilarski**, to accept the minutes from the November meeting as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **STAFF REPORTS:**

Parish Community Life - Ed Fawkes introduced **Therese Baker** as the new Parish Community Life Coordinator. Therese introduced herself and explained briefly what her ideas for the position were. A report from Therese ([Please see addendum #1](#)) and from the **Parish Community Life Committee** ([Please see addendum #2](#)) were included in the Parish Council packets.

Therese noted that she was working on descriptions of each parish organization to accompany the Time & Talent search document so new and interested parties would get an idea what each organization does.

She also noted that there have been 14 families new to the Parish since October 10th. **Karen Popelka** asked if there was some way new families could be recognized without embarrassing those who were more reticent. A discussion followed. Therese said the Committee would be looking at these and other suggestions in the near future.

Youth Ministry Report - Karen Popelka reported that as Joe Lawlor was on vacation, there was no meeting. **Jonathan Weber** reported that 10th Grade attendance does seem to be getting better.

Ed Fawkes reported that the follow-up questionnaire was summarized with names deleted so that the comments, both negative and positive, could be given to Joe Lawlor. Joe seemed glad to get them.

Financial Report - Arlene Stacy reviewed the items in her report ([See addendum #3](#)). She noted that November was a good month for income and December should prove good as well.

In answer to a question concerning a replacement for Arlene, **Father Terry** reported that the search for a new Business Manager was going well. Of 18 initial inquiries, 8 followed through with applications and 3 were chosen for interviews. The final three consist of two women and one man, one of which is a parishioner. It will be difficult to make the final selection.

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy - Bob Hauser reviewed some of the points made in the Minutes of the Committee, which were partially included in the packets ([See addendum #4](#)). He said the results of the goal sessions were not included as the committee was still working on them at packet preparation time.

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5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. January Parish Breakfast - Ed Fawkes** reminded the Council that they were to serve the Parish Breakfast on January 8th and that he was soliciting help. **Terry Herrman, Chuck Gilarski** and **Bill Haas** volunteered to head up this endeavor.
- B. Sagging Pews** - The sagging pews that were discovered were repaired by **Alan Christy** and his son. Please keep an eye out for any further pew damage.
- C. Parish Council Assessment - Bill Haas** led the group in another brainstorming session to begin identifying parish needs and priorities. ([See addendum #5](#)).

* At this time Ed Fawkes asked **Pat Halbur**, representative of the **Board of Education** for his report, as Pat had been waiting patiently through a rather lengthy exercise. It was decided that the report from the Board should be moved up under Staff Reports so Pat could leave the meetings earlier should he desire to do so.

Board of Education - Pat Halbur reported on the minutes found in the packet ([See addendum #6](#)).

Karen Popelka asked about school security and what was or could be done to check on visitors to the building. A discussion followed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. A Future Meeting In Jewell - Ed Fawkes** asked the group if they would be interested in having another meeting in the Jewell Good Shepherd facilities sometime next year. The members were asked to think about this and we would discuss it further at the January 2006 meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Family Life Committee - Terry Herrman said the committee did not meet this month.

Finance and Administration - Bud Montang reported on the Minutes of the Finance Committee contained in the packet ([See addendum #7](#)). He said that the hiring of a full time Technologist Technician for the school came as some surprise to the committee. A discussion followed.

Jean Kresse noted that parishioners need to be encouraged again to use SCRIP when purchasing items locally as these funds help to finance school needs.

Elections - Ed Fawkes said that seeing this is his last year as a Parish Council member, someone else needs to be trained in the elections process.

Good Shepherd Parish - No report.

Deanery - Bud Montang reported on a discussion whereby some parishes are using 60-80% of their budgets to finance schools. He also reported:

- Need for better communication within the diocese.
- A Board of Education representative from the Diocese is collecting \$1.00 per student to be used for hurricane relief.
- On a program for Restorative Justice, designed to help prisoners who have been released to meld back into a normal lifestyle.

Facilities - Alan Christy reported hearing of a pregnant woman who slipped and fell on the ice in our parking lot. He suggested purchasing some scrapers, buckets, shovels and sand to be placed at all church exits so parishioners could help sand their own ways into and out of church exits. He said he would purchase the needed items. In other matters Al reported:

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- almost seeing a youngster poked in the eye by the protruding arm of the hockey game in the Adult/Youth Room. It was suggested we purchase a cover for that machine to deter little ones from playing with it. Al will see what he can do at Lowe's.
- looking into the extension cord that is across the sidewalk and hard to see especially at night.

Long Range Building Committee – **Alan Christy** that because of the cold weather construction has slowed but ...“We'll get there someday.”

Social Concerns Committee - **Chuck Gilarski** reported that there was no meeting but he can report that for the first 10 months \$37,000.00 has been collected through the black bags. **Bill Haas** added that 815 gifts were given through the giving tree.

Sanctity of Life - **Jonathan Weber** handed out a report ([See addendum #8](#)).

8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK

9. PASTORAL COMMENTS - **Father Terry** reminded us to come to the 11:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. *The other masses are expected to be overcrowded.*

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

NOTE: *The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, in the Adult/Youth Room.*

Respectfully submitted, Jim **Westphal**, Recording Secretary