

These meeting minutes await review and approval
by the Parish Council

**SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
Tuesday February 21, 2006**

Note: Because of a maintenance problem in the Adult/Youth room, the meeting was moved to the Music Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Popelka, Ed Fawkes, Chuck Gilarski, Bill Haas, LuAnn Vulgamott, Pat Halbur, Jean Kresse, Father Terry, Terry Herrman and Bud Montang

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Weber and Alan Christy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Business Manager Jerry Greving, Finance Committee Chairman Randy Dalhoff, Music and Liturgy Director Bob Hauser, Director of Youth Ministry Joe Lawlor and Recording Secretary Jim Westphal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ed Fawkes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **PRAYER:** Terry Herrman led the group in prayer.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Ed Fawkes requested that Bill Haas' name be added to the Election Committee under Committee Reports. **Motion** by Jean Kresse, supported by Terry Herrman, to accept the minutes from the January meeting as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **STAFF REPORTS:**

Financial Report - Jerry Greving reviewed the items in his report ([See addendum #1](#)). He noted that two major bills were paid since that report was generated: \$27,000.00 for TAXA to the Archdiocese and a \$223,000.00 Building Construction bill.

Board of Education - Pat Halbur reviewed the notes contained in the packet ([See addendum #2](#)). He noted work is being done to try making Generations of Faith a more successful program. It is felt that Generations of Faith is the keystone of parish religious education and must be continually addressed.

There was also discussion on the possible use of the Music and Art Rooms as well as part of the Rectory for additional classrooms in the future. Questions arose over where music and art would be taught. Originally it was thought they could be taught in the classrooms. The question still remained as to where rehearsals for other music programs could take place. After lengthy discussion, Pat said he would take these concerns back to the Board.

Bud Montang reported that GALA sales are going "well".

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy - Bob Hauser did not have notes from the meeting but he did point out the following:

- A Lenten calendar of events will be in this week's Bulletin.
- A video series "Lenten Journey" will be shown after the Stations of the Cross between March 10th and March 31st.
- The committee is still working on its assessment goals.
- The "Greeting" before Mass begins is getting mixed reactions. This is also true of the scripture reading introductions.
- After studying the space in the new Narthex, the **Liturgy and Arts Committee** is considering a mural of Saint Cecilia rather than a sculpture as was first proposed.

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Parish Community Life - **Jean Kresse** reviewed the notes in the packet from **Therese Baker**. ([See addendum #3](#)). She passed around a draft of the Time and Talent Survey. It was agreed that Therese is doing a wonderful job.

Youth Ministry Report - **Joe Lawlor** and **Karen Popelka** handed out notes from their meeting and reviewed them ([See addendum #4](#)). Joe reported that he now has a new team. He also reported:

- He is trying to get more students to attend the Archdiocesan Youth Rally in Waterloo. This event only happens every two years.
- The Middle School program is being well accepted and should make for a smooth entry into the high school program next year.
- Many “Youths of the Month”, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus are not Catholic. Although it was agreed that there is nothing wrong in that, Joe wondered whether we should promote more of our own.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Father Terry** reported that the assumed stolen shovels all turned up to be in the Maintenance Room.

B. **Parish Self-Assessment** - **Bill Haas** agreed to do the assessment after Committee Reports.

6. NEW BUSINESS: No New Business to report.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sanctity of Life - There was a report in the packet ([See addendum #5](#)).

Family Life Committee - **Terry Herrman** reported on the notes handed out at the meeting. ([See addendum #6](#)).

Finance and Administration - **Bud Montang** reviewed the notes in the packet. ([See addendum #7](#)). He noted that the Committee is now entering the “Budget Season”.

Elections - **Ed Fawkes** noted that he, Bill Haas and Bud Montang are due to go off the Council. Bill thinks he may run again, Bud is considering it.

Good Shepherd Parish - **LuAnn Vulgamott** reviewed the notes she handed out at the meeting ([See addendum #8](#)). She also reported:

- Mass is being well attended, even by adults in the area.
- Deacon John McCully will preside over an Ash Wednesday Service.
- There has been repeated vandalism done to the Good Shepherd sign and the new downspouts. She questioned why anyone would dismantle and take a downspout?

Deanery - **Bud Montang** reported the Deanery will meet next week.

Facilities - Nothing new to report!

Long Range Building Committee – **Ed Fawkes** reported that Mark Heitzman and Mark Gilarski have tentatively agreed to work on the landscaping of the new areas as part of their Eagle Scout service projects.

Social Concerns Committee - **Chuck Gilarski** reviewed the points in the minutes included in the packet ([See addendum #9](#)). He also noted:

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- Sue Stanton has had to cancel her planned 2006 trip to Palestine due to bombs that have been set off in the school.
- The figures reported in last month's minutes represent a 5.1% increase from the previous year.

There was discussion on which charities were being supported by the "black bag".

Return to OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Council Assessment

At this time, **Bill Haas** led the Parish Council in a continuation of the self-assessment procedure, refining points already made in previous sessions. ([See addendum #10](#)).

8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK

9. PASTORAL COMMENTS -

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

NOTE: *The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, in the Adult/Youth Room.*

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