

These meeting minutes were approved
at the May 16 meeting.

**SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
at Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Jewell, Iowa
Tuesday April 18, 2006**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Halbur.

OTHERS PRESENT: Business Manager Jerry Greving, Finance Committee Chairman Randy Dalhoff, Music and Liturgy Director Bob Hauser, Todd Clancy of the Board of Education, Joel Thilges, Sarah Lewis, Julie Moss, Sarah Lammers, Kathy Dietrich, Marilyn Wagner, Kim Greenfield and Recording Secretary Jim Westphal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ed Fawkes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **PRAYER:** Bill Haas led the group in prayer.
3. Ed Fawkes invited the members from Good Shepherd attending to say a few words. Sarah Lewis, Julie Moss, Sarah Lammers, Kathy Dietrich, Marilyn Wagner and Kim Greenfield each said how much they appreciate what Saint Cecilia Parish is doing to keep their Catholic Community in Jewell alive and active.
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT: MOTION:** by Bill Haas, supported by Karen Popelka, to accept the minutes from the March meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **STAFF REPORTS:**

Parish Community Life - Jean Kresse reported:

- The Time & Talent survey will be put in the Bulletin on the weekend of April 29th and 30th, and filled out at Mass. The Committee is hoping everyone will fill one out, even if they don't want to volunteer for anything. Just filling it out will give us a better handle on who is in the Parish.
- One thousand copies of the Parish Handbook have been printed. Thirty copies will be sent here to Good Shepherd.

Youth Ministry Report - Karen Popelka reviewed the notes from their meeting ([See addendum #1](#)). She said that money-raising programs for the Appalachia Trip have been successful.

- Jonathan Weber discussed the 10th Grade program and the Confirmation procedures.

Financial Report - Jerry Greving reviewed the items in his report ([See addendum #2](#)).

Board of Education - No Report

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy - Bob Hauser reviewed the points made in the Minutes of the Committee in the packet, ([See addendum #3](#).) He also updated the group on Holy Week activities and Easter.

- He also said that the Spanish masses are being well attended and Spanish catechism has been expanded. English as a second language classes are still being held. He feels that more long range planning needs to take place in this area. He feels Deacon John McCully could use some help with this and other efforts in the Spanish program although he doesn't think John will ask for any. Bob suggested inviting Deacon John to a Parish Council meeting to discuss this issue.

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6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Stewardship Committee - Bill Haas** said the committee now needs members. Bill suggested that the Parish Council members who are involved with Standing Committees of the Council take on the additional responsibility of this Committee.
- **Ed Fawkes** suggested that at the next committee meetings Parish Council members investigate who on these committees might be interested in serving.
 - **Father Terry** suggested inviting persons who were nominated for the Parish Council and the Board of Education to serve on the committee.
 - **Ed Fawkes** asked Council members to bring their calendars to the next Parish Council meeting so a date can be set for the first Stewardship Committee meeting.
 - ([See Addendum # 4](#))
- B. Special Meeting Review - Ed Fawkes** reviewed the Minutes of the Special Meeting. It was suggested that in the section after the fourth bullet, we change the word “**permission**” to the word “**authorization**” as that is what the Board was asking for. Also, it was suggested we add the sentence; “*Because of the smaller class size teacher aides will be eliminated.*”

MOTION by **Terry Herrman**, supported by **Karen Popelka** that the Minutes of the Special Meeting be approved as amended. **The Motion passed unanimously with a recorded vote.**

- C. Board of Education Motion - Father Terry** said he had no objection to the first part of the motion. He added that the school does not intend to take over the Adult/Youth Room or use it any differently than it is being used now. However, in the old rectory the bedrooms could be used as classrooms for Pre-School classes providing one wall was removed. He thinks the Council should give the Principal the opportunity to use his disgression for the expansion of classes.

Discussion ensued regarding finances, the hiring of qualified teachers and additional custodial service needs among others.

MOTION by **Father Terry**, supported by **Alan Christy** to expand any grade from Kindergarten through Fourth into another section depending on the need as determined by the Principal and the Board of Education.

After another lengthy discussion, **Father Terry** withdrew his motion.

- D. Parish Council Assessment -** Due to the lateness of the hour it was decided to table the Parish Council Assessment until next month’s meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Dedication of Phase I Work -Ed Fawkes asked the Council members to think about a date for dedicating the work done in Phase I for next month’s meeting.

B. Dates:

- **Cornfest** - August 20th
- **Father Terry’s Farewell Party** - Saturday, July 8th.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Long Range Building Committee – **Alan Christy** reported that the construction is proceeding pretty much on schedule.

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Social Concerns Committee - **Chuck Gilarski** reviewed the points in the minutes included in the packet ([See addendum #5](#)). He again emphasized AMOS, A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy.

Sanctity of Life - **No Report.**

Family Life Committee - **Terry Herrman** reported on a successful Seder Supper. He said the Committee plans to finish up their assessment next month.

Finance and Administration - **Bud Montang** reviewed the notes that were in the packet ([See addendum #6](#)).

Elections - **Ed Fawkes** said that there were 5 (and possibly 6) people who would run for the Parish Council.

Good Shepherd Parish - **LuAnn Vulgamott** reported that things were going well with the community. Religious Education classes are coming to an end. Good Shepherd is starting a Prayer Chain.

On the negative side she still reports vandalism taking place although the police now have a name.

Deanery - **Bud Montang** reported the next Deanery meeting will be held May 2nd.

Facilities - **No report.**

8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK - The Council members all thanked LuAnn Vulgamott and the community of the Good Shepherd for their hospitality tonight.

9. PASTORAL COMMENTS -

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 16th in the Adult/Youth Room.

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