

These meeting minutes were approved at the November meeting.

**SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
Tuesday October 24, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Popelka, Chuck Gilarski, Jean Kresse, Jonathan Weber, Sly Upah, Lisa Schmidt, LouAnn Vulgamott, Bill Haas, Father Nienhaus and Mark Bortle.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Herrman

OTHERS PRESENT: Business Manager Jerry Greving, Finance Committee Chairman Randy Dalhoff, Music and Liturgy Director Bob Hauser, B.O.E. Representative Larry Gross, Steve Marley, Audrey Marley and Recording Secretary Jim Westphal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chuck Gilarski called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
2. **PRAYER:** Mark Bortle led the group in prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Chuck Gilarski asked that some verbiage be changed in his report under the GALA report. **MOTION** by Bill Haas, supported by Mark Bortle to accept the Minutes of the September meeting as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **STAFF REPORTS:**

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy - Bob Hauser reported that he hadn't received any e-mails regarding the usage of the Narthex. There was some discussion about how Saturday wedding receptions might interfere with Saturday evening masses. **Father** Nienhaus said he thinks we should give it some time to see exactly what problems do occur if any. Bob also mentioned the following dates:

- Next Sunday, October 29th - Father Howard will be here to lead a polka mass.
- Also next Sunday, the 10:30 mass will be preceded by a Rosary.
- Next Sunday is also priest appreciation day.
- All Saints Day vigil will be held at 5:30 pm on October 31st.
- All Saints Day mass will be held at 7:30 pm November 1st.
- All Souls Day mass will be held at 7:30 pm November 2nd.
- The weekend of November 18/19 will be the anointing of the sick.

Parish Community Life - Jean Kresse - no report.

Youth Ministry Report - Karen Popelka said a written report is in the packet ([See addendum #1](#)). She said some of our youth have been invited to other's youth programs and seem to find their "snack bars or soda fountains" fun to have. Our program is going great, but we can watch and learn. Anything and everything can improve and grow. She also reported that she is pleased with the way the committee is functioning. In addition she mentioned:

- The YIKES program has between 80 to 100 young people signed up and interested.
- A team band has been formed.
- **Lisa Schmidt** mentioned some parents within the parish are exploring new programs, "Conquest" and "Challenge" for high school students. At this point, the program is 100% led by parents.
- **Father Nienhaus** explained that that program was sponsored by the Legionnaires of Christ, an apostolate for the education of young people. It is a very traditional program and is sanctioned by the Church.

Business Manager's Report-Jerry Greving reported that a report is in the packet ([See Addendum #2](#)). He also mentioned that \$87,000.00 has been budgeted for TAXA but it looks like only \$75,000.00 will be needed. There was discussion concerning church income statements and the spending of church endowment monies as to what exactly constitutes principal.

Jerry also mentioned that Saint Cecilia would be having an Archdiocesan audit.

Board of Education - Larry Gross reported that a printed report was in the packet ([See Addendum #3](#)). He also reported:

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- The YIKES program is planning a lock-in.
- We may lose a couple of families due to Tuition Assistance Funds being low.
- PTO policies may become a drain on the budget.
- Security cameras will be placed in the hallways and monitors will be placed in Lois Vidimos and Joan Jones offices.
- He delivered the BOE self-assessment documents to Bill Haas this evening.

There was discussion concerning Tuition Assistance funds.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Self Assessment - Bill Haas handed out a brochure which spells out the results of the Parish Council's self assessment ([See addendum #4](#)). He proposed handing out these brochures as Bulletin inserts and then holding an open session for parishioner's response to and questions about the goals set forth. He asked for volunteers to both hear and record parishioners concerns and feelings. Several Council members volunteered to help.

B. School Expansion - Bill Haas handed excerpts from the October 5th and October 19th meetings of the School Expansion Exploration committee. He said the minutes of all the meetings are on the School web site. (See http://www.stcames.com/SEE/sesc_main.htm.)

Larry Gross reported that the schools open house went very well and he thought it was well planned.

C. Parish Open Forum - Chuck Gilarski - A date was set for the Open Parish Forum for November 12th at 1:00 pm in the Social Hall for feedback on Phase 2 of the construction plans.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Long Range Planning Committee - Father Nienhaus said he would like to see where the Parish thinks it might be 10 or 20 years from now. He thought each committee should list 3 long-range goals and 3 short-term goals. After some discussion it was felt that the self-assessment documents and the aforementioned open forum might fulfill this.

Bill Haas reminded the Council members that we have not completed step 2 of the process yet, that of listening to the various committee reports and discussion and feedback on the results.

Jonathan Weber cautioned the group about possibly micro-managing the other committees.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Administration - Randy Dalhoff will be speaking to the parishioners at this weekend's masses for the need to increase their contributions. A report is in the packet ([See Addendum #5](#)).

Good Shepherd - LouAnn Vulgamott reported that there was a report in the packet ([See addendum #6](#)). She reported things are going well. The chili supper will be held on election night as has been done in the past.

Stewardship Committee - Bill Haas handed out notes taken during Linda Matternach's presentation to the stewardship group on October 11. ([See Addendum #7](#)). He also mentioned that the next meeting of the committee would be November 1st at 7:00 pm in the Rectory living room.

Deanery - Sly Upham reported that the Deanery's next meeting is November 28th.

Facilities - Jon Weber reported the air handler problem has been taken care of. The committee still has to do a walk through of all the facilities to determine both present and future needs for facilities maintenance. Jon added:

- They are still working on snow removal contracts and responsibilities. There is a need to carefully remove the snow from the tile pavers and to make sure no salt is used on them.

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Long Range Building Committee – No Report.

Social Concerns Committee - **Chuck Gilarski** reported a report is in the packet ([See Addendum #8](#)). He added that the Good Neighbor annual concert would be November 12th at 3:00 pm in the Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Sanctity of Life - No report.

Family Life Committee - A report is in the packet ([See Addendum #9](#)).

8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK

9. PASTORAL COMMENTS - **Father Nienhaus** led the group in prayer.

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

The next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 28th in the Social Hall.

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