

Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2006

John Moorhouse opened the meeting 7:00 PM.
Fr. David Reichling lead us in prayer.

Attendees:

Harry Merchant
Robin Bender
Brian Shea
Patti Dunbar
John Moorhouse
Jamie Gauer

Kris Nelson
Bruce Broswick
Blake Jensen
Mary Koelzer
Fr. David Reichling
Kevin Holland

Absent:

Roy Brown
Patricia Thomas
Mark Rheaume
Cathy Bealer
Mandi Crable
Dan Gayvert

Orientation of Council Members:

Fr David explained what the responsibilities of a parish council member are and emphasized the need to attend every meeting. The parish council meeting dates for 2006-2007 are:

12 October 2006	8 February 2007
9 November 2006	8 March 2007
14 December 2006	12 April 2007
11 January 2007	10 May 2007

Review of Committee Assignments:

The Parish Council (and their committee assignments) for 2006-2007 is:

Blake Jensen - Liturgy	Mark Rheaume - Education
John Moorhouse - Justice	Cathy Bealer - Fun
Patti Dunbar - Education	Mandi Crable - Fun
Roy Brown - Liturgy	Dan Gayvert - Fun
Patricia Thomas - Justice	Randy Heinz - Communications
Robin Bender - Education	Bruce Broswick - Communications

Committee heads are:

Communication: Randy Heinz

Education: Patti Dunbar

Fun Events: Mandi Crable

Haiti: The Koelzer's

Liturgy: Blake Jensen

Justice: Dan O'Donnell

Pro Life: Linda Lee

Committee Reports

Education

Brian Shea reported there are a few teaching positions which still need to be filled. Classes started this week.

The 5th & 6th grade group is doing well with over 30 children.

The Jr. High School group has 30 kids and the High School group has 45 kids.

All of the groups are growing.

The HS group will travel to Great Falls for a retreat 4-5 November 2006.

The Search will be the weekend before Thanksgiving. A Head Couple is still needed.

Jamie Gauer reported Bible Study will begin 27 September 2006 at 7:00 p.m. They will be studying "The Great Adventure Bible Study" by Jeff Cavins. Glen Gauer will be teaching again this year.

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Parish Fun

John Moorhouse reported the following upcoming activities are planned:

10 September 2006 – Parish Picnic	10 February 2007 – Father/Daughter
28 October 2006 – Halloween party	17 March 2007 – St. Patrick's
18 November 2006 – Turkey Bingo	7 April 2007 – RCIA reception
16 December 2006 – Christmas party	6 May 2007 – High School graduates breakfast
13 January 2007 – Luau	

Liturgy

They are looking to recruit more Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers.

Decoration days in the Fall are planned.

Jamie Gauer reported for the **Music Committee** the band which played at the Parish picnic was popularly received.

A Family Dance Night is planned.

Adult Choir – changing the name to the “9 O'clock Choir” to relay to the parish the choir is open to any one who wants to join. The practice time has changed to Sunday morning from the previous weekday evening.

The Praise Band will practice at 3:45 p.m. on Saturdays before Mass.

A Music Committee has been formed and is composed of 12 members. They will meet 25 September 2006.

The Children's Choir will perform 8 October 2006 and will practice the Tuesday & Thursday prior.

Social Justice

The **Haiti Committee** will hold an Adoption Sunday on 16-17 September 2006 and another in October 2006.

Plans to travel to Haiti in September have been put on hold due to the unstable political situation. In November 2006 the Detroit group will go the Haiti.

The **Pro-Life Committee** will hold its first meeting 18 September 2006.

Fund-raising for CARENET is ongoing.

Brian Shea reported the Interfaith Hospitality Network struggled getting host couples last year. The next weekends we host are 8-15 October 2006 and 17-24 December 2006.

Parish Nursing is ministering to cancer patients.

Catholic Social Services is hosting a pregnancy loss & grief seminar on 25 September 2006.

Communications

The submission deadline for the Advent newsletter is Thanksgiving.

Finance Committee

Fr. David reported we have met our Care & Share assessment for 2006.

A weekly finance summary has been printed in the bulletin for the past several weeks to let parishioners know the state of parish finances.

The roof of the parish hall is being repaired in September.

The parking lot sign will be erected soon.

Cracks in the parking lot have been repaired.

New Business

The Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast and membership drive on 15 October 2006.

They are also planning on having Bingo again on 24 September. Bingo will be held twice a month.

The meeting ended in prayer, led by John Moorhouse at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Heinz