

These meeting minutes were reviewed, corrected, and formally approved
by the Parish Council on June 17, 2003.

MINUTES
Of the
SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Christy, Mike Vaclav, Randy Dalhoff, Ed Fawkes, Anne Schmitt, Clint Steele, Rev. Terry Rassmussen, Tom Thielen, Sue Belcher, and Chuck Gilarski, and Steve Halloran

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arlene Stacy, Sally Elbert

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawn Aitchison, Joe Lawlor, Bob Hauser

1. CALL TO ORDER: Clint Steele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PRAYER: Randy Dalhoff led the group in prayer

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Members read and approved minutes of April 15th, 2003

4. STAFF REPORTS:

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Business Manager's Report was included in the packets to members.

- Arlene was absent

COMMUNITY LIFE COORDINATOR: Sally Elbert submitted her written report.

Special attention was called to the follow items:

- Comments regarding the pictorial directory, after the "fix" there were still errors.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT: - Joe Lawlor handed out his report. The following were highlighted:

- Confirmation- 46 new members
- Teen mass will be moved to first Saturday night (of the month) at 5 pm. try this for one year.
- Joe is looking for new chairperson for Youth Program, Ron Smith is stepping down to take on new ventures
- 27 students make up the new "peer team"

MUSIC/LITURGY REPORT:

Bob Hauser's report was included in the packet. Special attention to following

- Father Terry's mass schedule
- 21 couples renewed their marriage vows

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FAMILY/LIFE COORDINATOR: Dawn Atchison's report was passed out at the meeting. Special attention to:

- Vacation Bible school – 75 children registered, 36 are 4-5 years old.
- 53 volunteers, parents and youth

5. "REVISITED" BUSINESS:

Knights of Columbus representatives, John Grove (Grand Knight) and Dan Conrady addressed the council regarding the donating of a STATUE. The KCs, in conjunction with the Sanctity of Life Committee, are financing and donating a STATUE following the theme of "Right to Life"- "Blessed are the Unborn." A rendering of the Statue was handed out. Discussions were held and the following points taken.

- Interior display vs exterior, new narthex was mentioned.
- Location in the new Church/ Existing Church. (Chapel is filled)
- Motion made to accept the donated STATUE, motion carried with the stipulation that the Sanctity of LIFE Committee work with the Spiritual Growth members to find the best possible location within the Church.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Monosmith, Director of Religious Education, gave his semi-annual report to the PC with special attention and a quick overview covering the following items.

- Youth programs (preschool – 8th grade)
- Sacramental Programs- first communion, RCIA (year round), Changes at the diocesan level regarding adult confirmation for those who were baptized but not practicing their faith.
- Adult education- small faith sharing,

Long Range Building Committee-Co Chair Jeff Witt addressed and updated the PC on progress of New Church Project. Following items were noted.

- Jeff, Al Joensen, Randy Dalhoff made a presentation to the Church Renovation and Design Committee in Dubuque. They unofficially told us to keep moving forward and were pleased with our progress. There are three areas of concentration that the LRBC needs to focus on: first is Schematic Design by ARLD, second is to hire a Liturgical Consultant, and third to further our educational campaign.
- Fund Raising could start by fall of 2003 if all goes well
- Phase one is Narthex and phase two is new Church, all this is dependent upon parish SUPPORT.
- Jeff noted that the first week of June he expects to have a proposal from ARLD to perform the Schematic Design.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Concerns Committee: Chuck reported that \$16,200 is committed to Charities. Next meeting Sept 2, 2003.

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Sanctity of Life Committee: Anne said the committee did not meet. (See also “Revisited Business” on previous page)

Board of Education: Mike Vaclav reported: that B of Ed met May 6th.

- Looking at new math books
- FSA- discussion are being held for using the script program for tuition assistance
- Revising the Constitutional Bylaws
- Looking at ISU providing a physical education teacher, grad student to fill part time PE duties at Ed Center.

Family Life Committee: Sue Belcher reported that:

- Formal report for Family Life was included in Dawns hand out.
- Seder supper will be held Thursday April 17th

Deanery Committee: Steve reported that last meeting was held at St. Josephs in Dysart, IA. Discussion were held regarding:

- STEWARDSHIP-time and talent
- Steve stressed the need for more interaction with parish representative so our Rep can better communicate with the Deanery. Need more “bottom up” dialog.
- Witness is subscribed by only 20 of parishioners.

Election Committee:

- Parish Council new members:
 - Bill Haas
 - Bud Montang
 - Ed Fawkes
- Board of Education new members:
 - Monty Streit
 - Kimberly Sitzman

Finance Committee: Randy Dalhoff’s report and May’s finance committee meeting minutes were included in the packets.

- We replaced the Air Conditioner Unit/Condenser last month
- Income is down a little, but then so are expenses.

Facilities Committee: Ed Fawkes reported:

- Corridor by Chapel is settling.

Long-Range Building Committee: Alan Christy had no further report since Jeff Witt, LRBC Co Chair gave us an update already.

Youth Ministry: Joe handed out a written report.

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8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATIONS/FEEDBACK:

- Randy stated that by our bylaws, Parish Council, election of officers is to be held at the June meeting.

9. PASTORAL COMMENTS: --- **Father Terry** reported:

- Cornfest is scheduled for August 24th, 2003
- Sunday June 29th is Father Bens and Brother Bruno's celebration.
- Father Terry has decided to say 4 weekend masses after Father Ben leaves, but will make a final decision on dropping back to three masses after the first of the year.
- Good Shephard to close on July 12th. Archbishop has approved our request to take over the Church and grounds.
- Don Czapl, a member of St. Cecilia parish, is being ordained June 1, 2003

10. CLOSING PRAYER: Meeting adjourned after closing prayer by Randy

Respectfully submitted,
Clint Steele, Chairperson