

MINUTES
of the
SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 20, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Christy, Ed Fawkes, Chuck Gilarski, Bud Montang, Sue Belcher, Lou Ann Vulgamott, Father Terry, Anne Schmitt, and Tom Thielen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Haas and Clint Steele

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Dalhoff, Bob Hauser, Joe Lawlor, Arlene Stacy and Jim Westphal.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Ed Fawkes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. PRAYER: Father Terry led the group in prayer.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT: MOTION by Arlene Stacy, seconded by Sue Belcher to accept the Minutes of the March 2004 meeting of the Parish Council. MOTION CARRIED.

4. STAFF REPORTS:

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT: Joe Lawlor handed out his report at the meeting and reviewed the points in it. ([See addendum #1](#)). In addition, Joe added:

- the High School Senior Retreat was very successful. Even those who said they didn't want to be there were won over within an hour.
- A car wash will be held to raise funds for Appalachian Trip.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Arlene Stacy provided a written report in the Parish Council packet, ([See addendum #2](#)). She also reported that the lawn tractor has been repaired and also returned to Ryerson for "tweaking".

FAMILY LIFE COORDINATOR: Dawn Aitchison was not present at the meeting, but her written report was in the packet. ([See Addendum #3](#)).

COMMUNITY LIFE COORDINATOR: Sally Elbert was not present at the meeting. Father Terry reported that Sally will be resigning this position next month and he is not yet ready to refill the position.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & LITURGY: Bob Hauser reported that the Committee discussed:

- possible speakers for future presentations. Names such as Joyce Rupp, Doug Brummel, Jim McGuinness (sp?) and Jesse Manamussen (sp?) were mentioned.
- future subcommittees for the Building Committee such as the Arts & Environment Committee.
- the Eucharistic Adoration group is planning a procession of the Eucharist on June 13th.
- 44 people attended the Jaime Cortez workshop.
- recapped the activities of Holy Week

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Ed Fawkes - reported that Joe Lawlor will be repairing the frayed carpet in the hallway by the Music Room after Confirmation.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Fawkes reported that although repairs have been made to the John Deere lawn tractor there are some parishioners who think it is time to invest in new equipment. He read a letter from **John Kleinschmidt** regarding some of the problems that have occurred with the present equipment. John suggested the Council might consider starting an escrow account to set money aside for new equipment on a regular basis.

Discussion followed with the following points being made:

- **Arlene Stacy** reported that just about everything that can be replaced has been replaced on the existing tractor. She has been told that the unit we have has been discontinued so the lawnmowing and snowblowing attachments we have will not fit a new John Deere model. A new model could cost \$7,000.00 or as much as \$15,000.00 should we opt to buy new attachments as well.
- Some suggested keeping the existing unit now that it has been repaired.
- Some suggested buying a new unit and keeping the old one for backup and/or just for snow removal.
- Some suggested we research other tractors/lawnmowers not necessarily painted green.

It was decided that the Council should do more research into equipment available and prices and revisit this topic at the May meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Long-Range Building Committee: **Alan Christy** listed the various subcommittees of the Building Committee and said they were filling out nicely. Some of the committees were:

- Furnishing and Interior Finishing, Design, Technology, Financial, Technical Review and Landscaping and Grounds.

Social Concerns Committee: **Chuck Gilarski** handed out and reviewed the points in the report contained in the packet ([See addendum #4](#)). He said the Committee does not meet during the Summer so anything that needs to be brought before the committee should be sent to him quickly. He also said that **Patty Rua**, Committee Chair, said she was willing to serve until someone else came to the forefront.

Joe Lawlor told the Council that **Patty** has also volunteered to serve with him in the Jail Ministry.

Sanctity of Life Committee: **Anne Schmitt** said the minutes contained in the packet represented two months of meetings and were quite detailed. ([See Addendum #5](#) and [Addendum #6](#)).

Board of Education: **Monte Streit** was not in attendance. No report.

Family Life Committee: **Tom Thielen** reported that the committee did not meet.

Finance & Administration Committee: **Randy Dalhoff** reported that the minutes of the Finance Committee are in the Parish Council packet ([See addendum #7](#)).

Elections: **Ed Fawkes** said many names were received last weekend during nominations and **Bud Montang** will be contacting those on the list.

Good Shepherd Parish: **LuAnn Vulgamott** handed out a written report at the meeting and reviewed its points. ([See Addendum # 8](#)).

Deanery: No report.

Facilities Committee: **Ed Fawkes** reported:

- the bid for a grease trap installation in the school kitchen was \$1600.00
- **Al Christy** has repaired a few more pews.

- need to contact someone about turning on air conditioning in the Church.
- Siemens Group is trying to “level out” the HVAC system in the school to eliminate some rooms which are too hot.

Youth Ministry Committee: no report.

8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATIONS/FEEDBACK:

9. PASTORAL COMMENTS: **Father Terry** said the staff had just returned from an exciting workshop in Waterloo pertaining to Spanish ministry and how to address the influx of Spanish speaking people in parishes.

10. ADJOURNMENT: -- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with a prayer by **Father Terry**.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Westphal, Recording Secretary

Next meeting: In the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday May 18, 2004