

These meeting minutes were reviewed and formally approved
by the Parish Council on October 19, 2004.

**MINUTES
of the
SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday September 21, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Schmidt, Ed Fawkes, Chuck Gilarski, Sue Belcher, Bud Montang, Jean Kresse, Pat Halbur, Bill Haas and Terry Herrman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Christy, Lou Ann Vulgamott and Father Terry.

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlene Stacy, Randy Dalhoff, Joel Thilges, John Nelson, Scott Sanders, Bob Hauser, Joe Heffernan and Jim Westphal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ed Fawkes: called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **PRAYER:** Bill Haas led the group in prayer.

3. **Mr. J. Joseph Heffernan** gave a presentation on charitable giving. The presentation dealt with ongoing parish support through estate planning and contained information on Charitable Bequests, Life Insurance, Beneficiary Designations, Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts.

MOTION: by **Bud Montang**, supported by **Sue Belcher** to place this topic under further discussion and to bring it to a conclusion under Old Business at the October meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the last meeting were presented.

MOTION by **Ed Fawkes**, supported by **Bill Haas** to accept the minutes of the August 2004 meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **STAFF REPORTS:**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & LITURGY: **Bob Hauser** reviewed the report contained in the Parish Council packet. (*See addendum #1*). Bob highlighted the upcoming formation nights for lectors and ministers of the Eucharist, the discussion of the use of the gathering space (Narthex) and the reinstatement of a possible traveling crucifix program for the prayers of vocations.

There was discussion by the group regarding the placement of the Tabernacle in the new church.

There was also discussion of the covering of the message on the Sanctity of Life statue during some wedding celebrations. All comments regarding this issue should be directed to Father Terry.

YOUTH MINISTRY: **Joe Lawlor** was not present at the meeting but his report was included in the Parish Council packet. (*See addendum #2*).

Sue Belcher reported that Joe was seeking permission to cut the fees for 11th and 12th grade religious education in half to encourage students continued attendance following Confirmation. The Council didn't see that as appropriate.

FINANCIAL REPORT: **Arlene Stacy** handed out a Financial Statement at the meeting and said the Parish was doing okay financially.

FAMILY LIFE COORDINATOR: **Dawn Aitchison** was not present at the meeting and there was no written report.

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6. OLD BUSINESS

A. BY-LAW REVISIONS: Bill Haas reported that after reviewing the By-Laws he sees the following areas as needing attention:

- Deanery representation.
- The reestablishment of the Parish Community Life Committee.
- The Sanctity of Life Committee.
- The summary of Parish Council activities published in the Bulletin.

MOTION by Terry Herrman supported by Bill Haas to review this topic again under Old Business at the October meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. CORNFEST: Sue Belcher reported on the outcome of Cornfest highlighting the following needs:

- Need more non-alcoholic drinks; soft drinks and lemonade went fast.
- Need a cutoff time for eating as some people wanted to eat as cleanup was in progress.
- Less burgers, more hot dogs!
- Cook corn earlier.

All notes and recommendations collected will be placed in a folder for next year's committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY: Ed Fawkes asked how many of the Council members received a Parish Council Survey from the Archdiocese. After discovering that only he and Father Terry had received such a request he tabled discussion to New Business at the October meeting.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Elections- No Report.

Good Shepard Parish- LouAnn Vulgamott was not present at the meeting but Arlene Stacy handed out her report at the meeting. ([See addendum #3](#)).

Deanery- No Report.

Facilities- Ed Fawkes reported that the wood paneling under the rectory has been repaired.

Youth Ministry- No Report.

Long Range Building Committee- Ed Fawkes reported that a bid for concrete work has been accepted from Absolute Concrete for \$166,000.00 to begin work on driveway and additional parking this month and to be completed before construction on the building begins.

Social Concerns Committee- Chuck Gilarski reviewed the points made in the report in the Parish Council packet ([See addendum #4](#)) highlighting the fact that the Social Concerns Committee is assisting locally, nationally (to the Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund) and internationally to Christians in the Holy Land.

Sanctity of Life- Anne Schmitt passed out the minutes from the last committee meeting. ([See addendum #5](#)). Again, there was discussion on political handouts and the committee's one emphasis of the abortion issue.

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Board of Education-Pat Halbur reviewed the points in the written report contained in the packet ([see addendum #6](#)). There was discussion on the space needed for new computers and the school's leaning toward a centralized computer cart.

In mentioning the Catechist's Appreciation Dinner, Pat said he would make sure that the catechists from Good Shepherd Church would be invited.

Family Life- Terry Herrman, no report.

Finance and Administration-Bud Montang reviewed the report contained in the packet ([see addendum #7](#)). **Jean Kresse** made mention of the need for more volunteers to call on parishioners regarding delinquent pledges.

9. Observations/Evaluation/Feedback- None

10. Pastoral Comments- None

11. Adjournment- The meeting was closed at 9:28 p.m. by praying the prayer for vocations found in the Spiritual Growth and Liturgy report. Bill Haas led the prayer.

The next meeting will take place at the Good Shepherd Church in Jewell on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. Those wishing to carpool are to be at the Saint Cecilia parking lot at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Westphal, Recording Secretary