

**These draft meeting minutes await review and formal approval
by the Parish Council.**

**MINUTES
of the
SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday December 7, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lou Ann Vulgamott, Jean Kresse, Terry Herrman, Alan Christy, Ed Fawkes, Bill Haas and Anne Schmitt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Gilarski, Bud Montang, Sue Belcher and Father Terry

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Hauser, and Jim Westphal.

This was an abbreviated meeting of the Parish Council as all were invited to dinner at the new rectory with **Father Terry**. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. following the 5:30 Mass.

1. **Alan Christy** noted that the November Minutes should have noted that the driveway under discussion in the third bullet of the **Facilities Report** should have read 20 feet and *not 16 feet*.

MOTION by **Bill Haas**, supported by **Terry Herrman** to accept the minutes of the November 2004 meeting as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Ed Fawkes** reported that Cyndi Volcko and the Eucharistic Adoration group asked that the Parish Council revisit the idea of funding “*My Daily Eucharist*” books for teachers, staff and catechists. The Council had decided at last month’s meeting not to fund this request as it would be setting a precedent for any other group requesting funds for their projects and there are means set up in the budget process for those types of requests. Also, those who would be receiving these books are already working in programs that have a budget for necessary resources. Last month’s decision will stand.
3. **Jean Kresse** reporting on the Call-A-Thon, said there was a good turnout of volunteers to manage the phones and she thanked them. She said approximately \$26,000.00 had been raised that evening but another Call-A-Thon would probably be necessary in February or later. **Alan Christy** suggested a letter campaign as well.
4. **Alan Christy** reporting on the Building Committee meeting said because of the rising cost in materials the cost of our building project has been raised approximately 1% for Phase 1. This amounts to about \$300,000.00. The committee is looking at what areas can be cut back so as to minimize these added costs.
5. **Ed Fawkes**, reporting for the Finance Committee, said the collection is running about \$20,000.00 behind last year’s and that we have had to dip into Savings in order to pay expenses for the first time in many years. He also said that Good Shepherd Parish was in arrears in the amount of \$7,000.

LuAnn Vulgamott explained that was only because the Business Manager wanted to wait until the end of the year to transfer that money from their savings account.

6. **Luann** also reported that 173 people attended the Chili Supper on Election Night. As most of the food and help was donated the evening proceeds netted \$1808.00. She said Deacon John will be having a prayer service tomorrow for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and that Father Terry still has Mass on the 15th of each month.
7. **Bill Haas** requested tabling the discussion on the Deanery until the January meeting.
8. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Westphal, Recording Secretary

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2005 in the Saint Cecilia Social Hall.