

These meeting minutes were reviewed and approved
at the September 20 meeting.

SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday August 16, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Popelka, Jonathan Weber, Ed Fawkes, Jean Kresse, Terry Herrman, Bill Haas, Alan Christy, LuAnn Vulgamott, Bud Montang and Father Terry.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chuck Gilarski

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlene Stacy, Randy Dalhoff, Bob Hauser, Todd Clancy and Jim Westphal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ed Fawkes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PRAYER:** Ed Fawkes led the group in the Our Father.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the July meeting were not available for perusal at this time.

MOTION by **Bill Haas**, seconded by **Alan Christy**, to postpone the reading of the minutes of the July 2005 meeting until the September meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Because **Alan Christy's** presence was required at another meeting tonight, **Ed Fawkes** asked that Alan present the Building Committee report at this time.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT: **Alan Christy** handed out a report ([See addendum #1](#)) and reviewed the points contained in it. He noted especially the poor soil test reports and said that we may see an additional expense of upwards to \$10,000.00 to provide soil bearing strength to the footings.

A question was raised as to whether or not to close off the driveway in front of the Church exit as cars find it difficult to use it when people are exiting the Church. A temporary means of closure was suggested.

As much of the handicapped parking was now on the South entrances to the Church it was decided to remove another pew from the South section of the congregational seating to allow for easier access by handicapped persons.

4. **STAFF REPORTS:**

Youth Ministry Report - Jonathan Weber reported that 56 people went on the Appalachian trip by Charter Bus. A group from Madrid, Iowa went along for the first time and they are anxious to go again next year. Many decks, awnings and roofs were repaired and a good time was had by all, especially at Martin's Fork Lake.

Financial Report - Arlene Stacy reviewed the items in her report ([See addendum #2](#)) and asked that Golf Tournament reservations be turned in as soon as possible.

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy - Bob Hauser reviewed some of the points made in the Minutes of the Committee, which were included in the packets ([See addendum #3](#)). He mentioned that the group has started its long term assessment process and will keep the Council posted as to its progress. Bob also mentioned that the committee would like to see accomplishments of parishioners recognized more often.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **CornFest.** Ed Fawkes listed the following as chairs of CornFest activities:

- **Jim Dudding** will be in charge of setting up tents.
- **Pat Rood** and **Jonathan Weber** will be in charge of food.
- **Karen Bergeson** and **Jean Kresse** will coordinate the kitchen help.

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- **Bill Haas** will be in charge of corn preparation (shucking).
- **Chuck Gilarski** will be in charge of corn cooking.
- **The Knights of Columbus** will be in charge of drinks.
- **Bob Hauser** will be in charge of popcorn.
- **Terry Herrman** will be in charge of games.
- **Joan Jones** will be in charge of condiments, napkins etc.
- **Alan Christy** will be in charge of cleanup.

Karen Popelka asked about the “Generations of Faith” program. The program starts in November. Sign up will begin to take place at CornFest and will continue for the next two weekends.

B. Archdiocesan Survey - Ed Fawkes asked about the status of the survey. **Father Terry** said it was too late to send it back to the Archdiocese but he suggested that each member fill out the form and it could be discussed at the next Council meeting as a part of what we have accomplished and what we wish to accomplish in the future.

C. Parish Community Life Committee - Father Terry said they have just started advertising for a Coordinator. There is no committee as yet. A Bulletin article should be written to encourage interested participants who wish to join the Committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Stewardship Retreat - Father Terry reviewed a letter of invitation from Saint Mary Parish in Marshalltown ([See addendum #4](#)) to attend a Stewardship Retreat on September 9th and 10th. As the time for reservations has past (August 10th) those interested in attending should act quickly.

B. GALA Committee - Ed Fawkes reported that he met with this committee and they seem pleased with their progress. They have had four gathering parties where they have had a chance to invite contributors and solicit donations. Mr. Stark, a person who is known for his contributions to ISU Athletics, has expressed an interest in the GALA.

The GALA will be held April the 22, 2006 at the Gateway Center. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. A formal dinner is planned as well as an open auction and perhaps the sale of raffle tickets. Corporate sponsors are being contacted. Parish Council members are welcome to attend this Committee’s meetings. The next meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm at the First American Bank.

Bill Haas said, “speaking of auctions”...he showed a copper cross that had been affixed to the Saint Cecilia Convent on Lincolnway. He said it and several bricks from the Lincolnway Church have been stored in John Pesek’s garage for years. This began a discussion of what other artifacts from Saint Cecilia’s history might be “around” and what might be done with them.

Karen Popelka asked, speaking of bricks, whether it would be a good idea to purchase a brick for the new City of Ames Veteran’s Memorial in honor of those parishioners who have served in the military. The bricks are \$125.00 each.

MOTION by **Ed Fawkes**, supported by **Bud Montang** that anyone from the Council who wishes to contribute to the purchase of a brick for the City of Ames Veteran’s Memorial should do so and that any difference should be made up from Memorial Funds. The brick should read “**Honoring St. Cecilia Veterans**”. **MOTION CARRIED!**

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Good Shepherd Parish - Luann Vulgamott and **Father Terry** said Wednesday masses will continue to be held at Good Shepherd, the next one to be September 14th at 6:30 pm.

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Deanery - **Bud Montang** reported the next meeting of the Deanery will take place in September.

Parish Community Life Committee - already covered under Old Business.

Facilities - **Randy Dalhoff** reported that since the closing of Northwood School closed down a KCCI weathernet site, Saint Cecilia's applied for and was granted a weathernet sight by the TV station. The weather station is up and running.

Ed Fawkes reported:

- The Southeast entrance to the Sanctuary is open again.
- The concrete chute for drainage has been cleared of the rocks that were in it.
- Dan's Custom Lawn Service has been contacted to apply weed killer around the lawns of the rectory.

Jean Kresse reported several broken pews in the church.

Youth Ministry- **Karen Popelka** will be the Parish Council representative to this Committee.

Long Range Building Committee – report already given.

Social Concerns Committee - No report.

Sanctity of Life - **Jonathan Weber** will be the Parish Council representative to this Committee.

Board of Education - **Todd Clancy** handed out and reviewed a report of the Board of Education ([See addendum #5](#)). He noted a reception will be held for Pat Alberts on August 28th.

Family Life Committee - **Terry Herrman** reported that the committee did not meet in July.

Elections - No report!

Finance and Administration - **Randy Dalhoff** reviewed the Minutes of the Finance Committee contained in the packet ([See addendum #6](#)). He made special reference to the presentation for grant writing offered by a new parishioner.

8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK

Karen Popelka said she has thoroughly enjoyed her first three meetings as a member of the Parish Council and congratulated **Ed Fawkes** on the job he does facilitating the meetings.

9. PASTORAL COMMENTS - **Father Terry** said the Board of Education has suggested an evening of reflection and prayer with the Parish Council and any of the Committees of the Council who wish to participate. This meeting will take place beginning with a dinner on October 18th in the Adult/Youth Room at 6:00 pm.

As this meeting will take place during a time the Parish Council usually meets, Parish Council packets will be made up as usual, but the meeting will not take place. A special meeting may be called in the event of a pressing need.

10. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

NOTE: *The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, in the Adult/Youth Room.*

Respectfully submitted, **Jim Westphal**, Recording Secretary