

These meeting minutes were approved
at the February 21 meeting

SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday January 17, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Popelka, Jonathan Weber, Ed Fawkes, Chuck Gilarski, Bill Haas, LuAnn Vulgamott, Alan Christy, Pat Halbur, Jean Kresse, and Father Terry.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Herrman and Bud Montag.

OTHERS PRESENT: Business Manager Jerry Greving, Finance Committee Chairman Randy Dalhoff, Long Range Building Committee Co-chair Jeff Witt, and Recording Secretary 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 prayer.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jon Weber requested that the section regarding no meeting of the Youth Ministry Committee be changed to reflect the fact that Joe Lawlor, Youth Minister was on vacation. **Chuck Gilarski** said that the number of Giving Tree Gifts should read 815. **Motion** by **Bill Haas**, supported by **Chuck Gilarski**, to approve the minutes of the December meeting as amended. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **STAFF REPORTS:**

Board of Education - Pat Halbur reviewed the notes contained in the packet ([See addendum #1](#)). He noted that the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration was February 25th. There was a rather lengthy discussion as to why the attendance at Generations of Faith had fallen off.

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy - Bob Hauser was not present at the meeting but notes regarding the meeting of the Committee were handed out and reviewed. ([See addendum #2](#)).

Parish Community Life - Jean Kresse reviewed the notes in the packet from Therese Baker. ([See addendums #3a and 3b](#)).

Youth Ministry Report - Karen Popelka handed out notes from the meeting and reviewed them ([See addendum #4](#)). There was a rather lengthy discussion on the requirements for Confirmation, especially concerning the role parents should play. Joe Lawlor has sent out 98 e-mails to parents with no response. **Karen** thinks the parents should be required to participate in some degree. **Randy Dalhoff** asked what the consequences would be if they did not. **Father Terry** mentioned that the other sacraments, i.e. Baptism and First Reconciliation, require parent participation or they are not received.

Financial Report - Jerry Greving reviewed the items in his report ([See addendum #5](#)). He noted that he had been in the position of Business Manager for about a week and was still learning the nature of the job. He praised **Arlene Stacey** for the way she was staying on to help him in every aspect of the job.

Randy Dalhoff added that collections were good for December; in fact they exceeded expectations. Building Fund donations were up as 80 to 85% of the pledges have been collected.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **A Meeting In Jewell - Ed Fawkes** asked if the Council would like to meet again in Jewell this year. A date of April 18, 2006 was set.
- B. **Parish Breakfast - Ed** thanked all of those who helped put on the Parish Breakfast, especially **Terry Herrman** and **Chuck Gilarski** who co-chaired the event. Attendance was down from last year, perhaps due to construction?

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C. **Shovels and buckets** for controlling icy sidewalks were purchased as discussed at the last meeting. All but one of the shovels have been stolen.
A cover for the Foosball table was also acquired.

D. **Parish Self-Assessment - Bill Haas** facilitated a Parish Council brainstorming session aimed at identifying high priority parish needs and actions the Council might take to address those needs in the coming year.
[Please see addendum #10](#) for the results so far from this “work in progress”.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

It was announced that Karolyne Margaret is a new addition to the Bud Montang family.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS-**

Family Life Committee - **Terry Herrman** was not able to attend the meeting but there were notes handed out ([See addendum #6](#)).

Finance and Administration - **Bud Montang** was not able to attend the meeting. **Randy Dalhoff** said he had nothing to add to notes already in the packet. ([See addendum #7](#)).

Elections - **Ed Fawkes** said he would appreciate any help on Elections. He noted that Nominations would take place in April and the Elections would be held in May. **Bill Haas, Chuck Gilarski** and **Jean Kresse** volunteered to help.

Good Shepherd Parish - **LuAnn Vulgamott** reported everything is well and running smoothly in Jewell.

Deanery - **Father Terry** reported there was no Deanery meeting.

Facilities - Nothing new to report!

Long Range Building Committee – **Jeff Witt** took the Council Members on a tour of the new construction. He noted that now that the space is finally enclosed progress should be seen more quickly.

Social Concerns Committee - **Chuck Gilarski** reported that there were now 15 people on this Committee and that \$56,999.00 has been distributed so far. There were notes and a spreadsheet handed out at the meeting. ([See addendum #8](#)).

Sanctity of Life - **Jonathan Weber** handed out a report ([See addendum #9](#)). There was a discussion on the rather narrow goals of this Committee.

8. **OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK**

Recording Secretary **Jim Westphal** asked that any and all notes handed out at the meetings be sent to him via e-mail if possible. Even if this happens after the meeting, it makes it easier to send to Bill Haas for posting to the web.

9. **PASTORAL COMMENTS:**

Father Terry encouraged us to attend the Ron Rolheiser presentation April 2nd and 3rd at the Gateway Center.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

NOTE: *The next meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, in the Adult/Youth Room.*

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