

These meeting minutes were approved  
at the October 24 meeting.

**SAINT CECILIA PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
Tuesday September 26, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Popelka, Chuck Gilarski, Jean Kresse, Terry Herrman, Jonathan Weber, Sly Upah, Lisa Schmidt, Bill Haas, Father Nienhaus and Mark Bortle.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** LuAnn Vulgamott

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Youth Minister Joe Lawlor, Business Manager Jerry Greving, Finance Committee Chairman Randy Dalhoff, Music and Liturgy Director Bob Hauser, B.O.E. Representative Larry Gross, Jeff Witt, Al Joenson, Mike Heitzman and Recording Secretary Jim Westphal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chuck Gilarski called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. **PRAYER:** Mark Bortle led the group in prayer.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** MOTION by Bill Haas, supported by Lisa Schmidt to accept the Minutes of the August meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **STAFF REPORTS:**

Chairman **Chuck Gilarski** asked that in order to shorten the meetings committee representatives should not read the written reports but only highlight important issues.

**Parish Community Life - Jean Kresse** - reported. A printed report is in the packet ([See addendum #1](#)). Jean noted that Time and Talent results have been distributed to the committees and is being utilized. She also reported:

- The Community Fair has been postponed until February.
- 70 new families have registered with the Parish since the last Pot Luck supper.

**Youth Ministry Report - Joe Lawlor** said a written report is in the packet ([See addendum #2](#)). He said Confirmation would take place on a Wednesday night this year.

**Father Nienhaus** asked if it was true that some families transferred to Saint Thomas because of the Generations of Faith program. Joe said he didn't know how many families did that but he heard Saint Thomas was going to start the Generations of Faith program there as well.

**Business Manager's Report-Jerry Greving** reported that a report is in the packet ([See Addendum #3](#)). He added that the pre-school classroom project had a budget over run due to the need for additional plumbing.

**Board of Education - Larry Gross** reported that a printed report was in the packet ([See Addendum #4](#)). He also reported:

- \$1200 was spent on downspout fixes.
- A second assistant has been hired for Pre-School classes. Her salary has been donated by a parishioner.
- The Generations of Faith program is down about 100 people from last year.

**Chuck Gilarski** said he attended a GALA planning meeting. Some committees are working with two year terms to maintain enthusiasm. They are actively seeking auction items especially unusual items such as "Principal For a Day", etc.

**Spiritual Growth & Liturgy - Bob Hauser** said a written report is in the packet ([See Addendum #5](#)). Bob also said that he and Father Nienhaus had been working on guidelines for the use of the Narthex ([See Addendum #6](#)). Questions were being addressed such as:

- Should Saturday wedding receptions be allowed before 6:00 p.m.?

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- Should alcohol be allowed?
- Is an off duty policeman needed for security (especially if alcohol is allowed)?

A discussion ensued. Opinions should be e-mailed to Bob.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. School Expansion - Bill Haas** handed out the draft minutes of the committee's meeting of September 21, 2006 ([See Addendum #7](#)) and a proposed Bulletin insert ([See Addendum #8](#)). **Terry Herrman** reported that the committee is working on researching:

- Classroom usage
- enrollment
- Saint Cecilia school
- public schools
- financing

They are working up a more developed report to be given to the Parish Council at next month's (October) meeting.

**B. Letter re: Building For Our Future Campaign - Terry Herrman** said that the letter is at the printer. He is hoping to enlist the aid of the Knights of Columbus to help stuff envelopes at their next meeting and that the letters will be mailed no later than next Monday.

**C. Ad Hoc Committee for Phase 2** was reported by **Chuck Gilarski**. He handed out a copy of the minutes from a meeting held on September 6, 2006 ([See Addendum #9](#)). The committee has recommended working with a professional fundraiser to proceed with Phase 2 construction.

**Lisa Schmidt** asked if any consideration had been given to having a fundraiser done in house without the need for professional assistance.

**Al Joenson** said that the Social Hall funds were raised that way and it took the work of two very aggressive leaders and many volunteers to accomplish the task.

**MOTION** by **Jean Kresse**, supported by **Randy Dalhoff** to approve interviewing possible fund raising organizations and performing a **Request For Information**. Discussion on the motion eventually led to the motion being withdrawn.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Budgetary requirements for Phase 2 construction - Jeff Witt** handed out a packet explaining the requirements for continuation of the Building For Our Future Campaign. ([See addendum #10](#)). Jeff went over each section of the proposal as created by him and the architects and builders. Some of the highlights were:

- Only about 35% of the design of the new construction has been done.
- If we started now construction couldn't begin until 2008 and the longer we wait the more the costs go up (about 8% per year).
- We are looking at an approximate \$10.5 million dollar project.
- A chapel has been added to the proposal so that the Tabernacle can be placed in view of both the church and chapel (only one tabernacle is permitted).

After lengthy discussion it was decided that:

- Jeff will contact Rick Runde of the Archdiocese to see how to begin the process again.
- Father Nienhaus, Jerry Greving, Randy Dalhoff, Jean Kresse and Chuck Gilarski will act as a committee to interview possible professional fund raising groups.
- There will be an organizational meeting to involve the parishioners.
  - Bulletin inserts
  - Letter to the parishioners
  - Open meeting to exchange information (one week after the letter).

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**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Stewardship Committee - Bill Haas** reported there will be a presentation by **Linda Matternach** of the Archdiocese on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory living room. Please contact Bill if you plan to attend.

**Deanery - Sly Upah** reported that the Deanery is very interested in Stewardship and he will be attending that meeting. Sly also reported that from the Deanery comes the news that on the average the Archdiocese is losing 5 priests every year. ([See Addendum #11](#)).

**Facilities - Jon Weber** reported the committee is going to do a walk through of all the facilities to determine both present and future needs for facilities maintenance.

**Long Range Building Committee – No Report.**

**Social Concerns Committee** - A report is in the packet ([See Addendum #12](#)).

**Sanctity of Life** - A report is in the packet ([See Addendum #13](#)).

**Family Life Committee** - A report is in the packet ([See Addendum #14](#)).

**Finance and Administration - Lisa Schmidt** said **Randy Dalhoff** will be speaking to the parishioners at upcoming masses for the need to increase their contributions. A report is in the packet ([See Addendum #15](#)).

**8. OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION/FEEDBACK**

**Chuck Gilarski** recognized parishioner **Mike Heitzman** for comments. Mike said:

- He thinks the numbers from 2003 and 2004 should be included in Jeff Witt's report.
- He feels that the original promise made to the Parish was for the entire project and not just the Narthex.
- If the proposed worship space has to be forgotten because of budget woes, many parishioners who pledged money for that building will be upset.
- Unless ground is broken as promised, many parishioners may give nothing more and indeed may not even finish their pledges.

There was some discussion and discourse between the Council and Mike. Chuck Gilarski thanked Mike for his input.

**Bill Haas** asked if anyone had considered Father Nienhaus' request for a Long Range planning committee? It will be added as a New Business item at the next meeting.

**9. PASTORAL COMMENTS - Father Nienhaus** led the group in prayer.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

*The next regular meeting will be 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall.*

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