

The Parish Council approved these meeting minutes
at the 23 June 2009 meeting

**Saint Cecilia Parish Council
Regular Meeting in the Social Hall
Tuesday, 26 May 2009**

Members Present: Mark Bortle, Randy Dalhoff, Janine Greenwood, Pat Halbur, Mark Imerman, John Nelson, Frank Oppold, Pat Stahr, Cyndi Volcko and Lou Ann Vulgamott.

Others Present: Rindi Bernhard, Business Manager Jerry Greving, Bill Haas, Director of Music and Liturgy Bob Hauser, Steve and Audrey Marley, Deacon Ron Smith.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Mark Bortle called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Prayer:** Pat Halbur led the council in a brief prayer service.
3. **Welcome New Parish Council Members:** Chairman Bortle welcomed newly elected members Janine Greenwood, Frank Oppold and Cyndi Volcko. He invited them to tell a bit about themselves and then invited the current members to do the same.
4. **Review/Amendment/Approval of Minutes:** Janine Greenwood requested amendment to clarify the Sanctity of Life Committee report portion of the April meeting minutes. John Nelson moved that the Council approve the April meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.
5. **Agenda Approval:** Bill Haas asked for the addition of a report on Preparation for Fall Time and Talent Survey under Old Business. Pat Halbur moved that the Agenda be adopted as amended. Motion carried.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Approval of 2009 – 2010 Parish Budget:** Jerry Greving provided a summary overview of the proposed budget as contained in the packet. (Parish members may obtain a copy from the Parish Office.) Discussion followed. Mark Imerman moved that the Council approve the budget as proposed. Motion carried.
 - B. **Preparation for Fall Time & Talent Survey:** Filling in for John Sankovitch, Bill Haas reported. He distributed copies of a report concerning the May 20 meeting in which 14 Parish Council and Commission members met to begin preparing for the T&T survey. Please see [Attachment #01](#). The work is necessary because, for best communication with parish members, all the activity descriptions need to be couched in terms of the commission structure rather than in terms of the previously known committees and other groups. The report contains Principal Conclusions, Action Items, and a Bulletin Announcement regarding an invitation to parish members to share their thoughts with Commission representatives after the 5 pm Mass on June 6th and/or between the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses on June 7th.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Facilities Committee Update:** Jerry Greving briefed the Council on the contents of communications regarding Preschool space needs from Principal Tom Budnik (Please see [Attachment #02](#)) and from the Facilities Committee (Please see [Attachment #03](#)). It is recommended that the St. Clare Room be used for this purpose rather than the Sun Room; it is understood that the Parish Library will continue to be housed in the St. Clare Room.

Jerry also reported on the following: 1) installation of new carpeting and painting in the Parish Office space; and 2) meeting with architect and contractor representatives regarding the frost heave problem at the north entrance of the narthex.
 - B. **Corn Fest Discussion:** Chairman Bortle recommended that the Parish Council continue to host this event. The proposed date is August 23. Discussion followed, including the

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possibility of a music event on Saturday evening. Chairman Bortle noted Corn Fest planning will be put on the agenda for the June meeting.

8. Board and Commission Reports:

A. Board of Education: Pat Stahr distributed a written report. Please see [Attachment #04](#). In the discussion Pat highlighted the following:

1. Changing middle school and high school Youth Ministry to employ the Edge and Life Teen programs;
2. Need more time for the candidate selection process, to allow more time for discernment.

Ron Smith noted that the Archdiocese has a good program/process for Discernment of Charisms, the ***Called and Gifted*** program; we could take advantage of that. See <http://www.siena.org/Workshops.htm> for further information. Chairman Bortle asked Ron if he would consider presenting information on that topic at a future Church, Chat & Chow event. Ron replied in the affirmative.

1. **Vocations Committee:** No written report. Rindi Bernhard reported the committee met but it was more of a farewell party for the MacDonalds. The committee decided not to meet this summer but will resume in September.

B. Worship & Spiritual Growth Commission: No written report. Bob Hauser reported on things the commission has been working on:

1. New, large outdoor banners
2. Celebrations of the season: Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ—planning a procession to Inis Grove Park for the last of these.
3. Considering hospitality tours for new members.
4. Year of the Priest activities.
5. Farewell & Welcome activities for our upcoming pastoral transition.

C. Community and Family Life Commission: No report.

D. Local and Global Outreach and Service Commission: Tom and Janet Samson provided a written report. Please see [Attachment #05](#).

1. **Deanery:** Pat Halbur provided a written report in the packet. Please see [Attachment #06](#). Discussion followed concerning potential policy changes regarding 1) a requirement that everyone in the parish buildings for more than 52 hrs/year may need to have Virtus training and 2) a requirement that all parish staff would need to have a Department of Motor Vehicle driver's background check done.
2. **Good Shepherd:** Lou Ann Vulgamott distributed a written report. Please see [Attachment #07](#).
3. **Sanctity of Life Committee:** Janine Greenwood reported. The Sanctity of Life Committee did not meet this month as two members of the committee, Garland Dahlke and John Greenwood, met with John Hayes and Anna Steele to discuss ways the SoL members could assist with educating the youth on Life Issues. The SoL committee will meet again on June 7 following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

In addition, Janine asked that the handout provided at the May 6th Church Chat & Chow presentation by Dave Barnett of the Iowa Family Policy Center, "For Better or For

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Worse" Marriage—What is wrong, how we got here, and where do we go from here, be included as an attachment to these meeting minutes. The presentation was regarding the Iowa Supreme Court opinion regarding the constitutionality of same-sex marriage. Please see [Attachment #08](#).

4. Social Concerns Committee: A written report was provided in the Parish Council packet. Please see [Attachment #09](#).

E. Finance and Administration Commission: A written report was provided in the packet. Please see [Attachment #10](#).

1. Business Manager's Report: Jerry Greving provided a written business manager's report in the packet. Please see [Attachment #11](#). Jerry also reported that a defibrillator training session was offered; 19 were trained. Another training session will be scheduled. Ensuing discussion highlighted the need for adoption of an emergency response procedure.

2. Facility and Assessment Committee: Gary Novey provided a written report for the packet. Please see [Attachment #12](#).

F. Community Development and Communication Commission: No written report. Frank Oppold reported:

1. The commission is organizing a June/July presentation on Basic Economic & Family Crises by Mary Jo Pfeiffer.

2. The commission has started a Planned Giving Committee.

1. Elections Committee: Mark Bortle reported that the following were elected to 3 year terms:

Parish Council: Janine Greenwood, Frank Oppold, Cyndi Volcko.

Board of Education: Corrine Breitsprecker, Pat Stahr.

9. The meeting adjourned with prayer at approximately 8:40 pm.

The next regular meeting will be in the Social Hall 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Haas