

**St. John's Catholic Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11, 2014**

**Present:** Michelle Debord, Chair; Fr. Francis Musolooza; Walter Baldwin; and Cheryl Veselik, Secretary; Jose Olguin; and Barbara Claypool

**Absent:** Shane Smith; Stan Stefanowicz, Vice Chair; Randy Watts; Delores Boehm;

**Guests:** None

The opening prayer was given by Mr. Baldwin.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 11, 2014, meeting were reviewed and accepted by acclamation.

Goals – Improved Communication: Notices are being posted to the internet webpage.

Committee Reports:

- *Peace and Justice* -- No report.
  
- *Education* – First Communion is May 3, first Saturday in May. Reception is pending. There are also a separate group of three or four Hispanic children preparing for baptism and First Communion. They will receive their sacrament at the Hispanic Mass on May 4.
  - Mr. Watts is still in Florida, so we do not have any definite plans for adult education at this time.
  
- *Parish Life* – Mr. Baldwin reported that there was a good turnout for men's breakfast on Saturday. There will be a reception for the Bishop comes in this weekend following the 5:30 Mass.
  - Yard Sale – Mr. Baldwin recommended that the proceeds from the upcoming yard sale be earmarked for a new sound system. The current system picks up radio stations, and local taxi radios, and has a lot of feedback and desperately needs to be replaced. Discussion followed. Three bids are a requirement and a signed contract must be initiated for any large purchase. The recommendation was accepted by consensus.
  
- *Building and Grounds* – Jose is keeping up the grounds and flowers are starting to bloom. Mr. Baldwin proposed adding a turn around for Fr. Francis to be able to get of the driveway so he does

not have to back into on-coming highway traffic. A sidewalk is also needed between the parking lot and the Parish house. Discussion followed

- *Liturgy* – Lector training is tomorrow from 6:30 to 9:00 at the church. A new way to volunteer for service has been implemented for a three month trial period. It will be re-evaluated in two more months.

#### New Business

Council By-laws – Mr. Baldwin recommended an amendment to the bylaws for the instance of absence of both the chair and vice chair. Discussion followed. It was decided by comment consent that all would read over the bylaws and bring back any recommended changes.

Ms. Claypool announced that her house is on the market and by summer she plans to move back north to be closer to her children. Discussion followed.

Every Friday during lent, will be Stations of the Cross for the Hispanic Community at 7:00 p.m.

Next Saturday, May 15, 2014, Catechists for Hispanic Community in Bristol from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### Finance Committee Report

No report was available at meeting tonight. The Finance Committee did not meet tonight as originally planned. However, we are on tract at this point,

#### Father's Francis' report

Fr. Francis reported on the following:

- April 11 will be Parish Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Thursday will be at CTK
- Good Friday will be at St. J
- Easter Vigil is at CTK
- Bishop Jean Baptist K will be here Friday, March 14, 2014, through Monday, March 17, 2014. He will be in the United States a total of one month visiting other priests from his dioceses stationed in the U.S.

#### Unfinished Business

None.

All gave the closing prayer by

The next meeting will be April X, 2014.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Veselik, CAP-OM  
Council Secretary