

St. John's Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2013

Present: Michelle Debord, Chair; Fr. Francis; Randy Watts; Walter Baldwin; Jose Olguin; and Cheryl Veselik

Absent: Delores Boehm; Shane Smith; Stan Stephaniwicz; and Barbara Claypool, Vice Chair;

The opening reading, Luke 11:37-41 was read by Ms. Debord.

Minutes

Minutes of the September 10, 2013, meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Mr. Watts not Mr. Baldwin attended the Diocesan meeting regarding the Bishop's Appeal.

Discussion ensued regarding a Spanish-English speaking representative to the Council who could help translate for Mr. Olguin and represent the Spanish Community. Ms. Debord will speak with Deacon Juan to see if he can encourage someone.

It was noted that the Diocesan Appeal response has been very good.

The minutes were approved by acclamation with corrections.

Goals:

Discussion ensued regarding the earmarked funds from the Bishop's Appeal toward social outreach, and the Finance Committee's responsibilities regarding the parish budget. It was recommended that we schedule a joint meeting in order to have a better understanding of each other's responsibilities and needs. Discussion followed.

Calendar feature was discussed so that we can avoid potential scheduling conflicts.

Finances:

The financial statement for the period ending October 15, 2013, was distributed, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Discussion followed. The financial report was accepted by acclamation.

Website:

Mr. Watts reported that he secured the domain name for additional year and he and Ms. Veselik will work to post the reorganized website.

Committee Reports:

- *Social Outreach* – The Social Outreach Committee made a written recommendation in support of a special collection to support financial assistance specifically for parishioners in need while leaving the budgeted funds for those from the community who come to St. John’s for assistance. This recommendation comes about because the budget for the Social Outreach Committee was cut due to overall budget cuts for the Parish. Discussion followed. By common consent it was recommended that this proposal be approved by the Finance Council and collections start after the first of the year.
- *Education* – Faith Formation for children and youth is well underway, and one individual is enrolled in RCIA. Discussion followed.
- *Parish Life* – A new family has joined the parish and has been attending for three weeks, but it is not widely known that they have joined the parish. It was recommended that the Parish Life Committee develop a procedure to ensure that new families are welcomed.
- *Building and Grounds* – A new vacuum cleaner is needed and is within the budget of the Building and Grounds Committee. Also discussed painting lines in the gravel parking area.
- *Liturgy* – Ms. Baldwin is working on music for Christmas.

Father’s Report:

- No weekly Mass next week because Fr. Will be away all week.
- Diocese launched a capital campaign effective September 18, 2013. It was passed by the Priests Council and will be announced by the Bishop soon. It is different than the Bishop’s Appeal. The campaign will be run in phases and start with several of the larger parishes.
- There are pins/staples in the pews that are coming out and this could be a danger to parishioners. Discussion followed. The Building and Grounds Committee will check on the issue. It was noted that we have to be careful with repairs because the pews are very old wood and can be easily damaged.

New Business

Nancy Stanulis joined the meeting and asked about the bulletin and why it no longer looked the same. It was explained that it was due to budget constraints.

Unfinished Business

None.

Walter Baldwin gave the final prayer.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Veselik, CAP-OM
Council Secretary