

**St Nicholas Parish Council Meeting  
May 18, 2009**

**Present:**

Fr Bill Hitpas	Cary Sheerin, President	Sherri Galante
Sr Judy McKenna	Bob Hoff	Nicole Holland
Ann Daniels	Matt Sebenolar	Joanne Smallheer
Barb Furdek	David Todd	Dale Yonker
	John Laverdure	Jill Pietrusinski

**Opening:** Cary opened the meeting with a prayer at 8:00 p.m.

**April Minutes:** The April 27, 2009 minutes were approved with the following corrections:

- Members Present: Delete Sr Judy McKenna's name.
- Paragraph 1: First line, change "Coors" to "Coers".
- Paragraph 3: Subject line, change "Worship" to "Workshop".
- Paragraph 5: Delete the sentence, "A chairman is needed." Add: "Joanne is the chairperson for this event."
- Special Intention: First line, change "convened" to "conveyed".
- Special Intention: Second line, correct the spelling of "serving".
- Special Intention: Third line, correct the spelling of "Fontebella".

**Old Business:**

**1. Church Security Meeting Update:** Ann and David attended a meeting sponsored by The Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association. David stated there was a wealth of information provided by well qualified individuals. Pertaining to the crimes in churches, we must be ready to liquate the circumstances as they occur. Safety, medical, and security are areas of concern. This meeting addressed the recovery after the incident. David realizes the need to conduct a vulnerability checklist of the church. A lengthy discussion followed. **Conclusion:** David will gather a small committee of three to five people with specialized experience to do an assessment and then report to the council if needed actions are within their level of experience or if we need to solicit an outside professional company to assist us.

**2. Spirituality Center Update:** Ann stated that there was a meeting with the architects last week. Plans for the size of the buildings, location, and height were discussed. We are now waiting for the architect to come back with her plans and we'll go from there. The spirituality center will be more intimate while the activity center will definitely be a gym. However, it will not be the size or quality of a school gym. There is no model at this time. Father stated the buildings don't have to be twin buildings—there's special concern about the two roof lines. Our criteria are to have two compatible buildings but the function will determine the shape of each building. Progress is being made. We are paying a percentage at this stage. When we reach a certain point, it can go to a flat rate and we'll know where we stand financially. Because we are building much simpler

buildings than originally planned, Holland Construction Company is backing off of some oversight fees.

**3. By-Laws Update:** A meeting was held on May 12 on the by-laws. The committee got through most of the material. David suggested the council members have a couple of weeks to review the revised by-laws. Plan is to adopt these by-laws at the June parish council meeting. David will check and verify whether it takes 2/3 quorum of the membership for approval or if a unanimous vote is necessary. A meeting to finalize the by-laws was set for May 28, 3:30 p.m.

**New Business:**

**4. Susan B. Koman Race for the Cure:** Barb stated that none of the money raised in St Louis through this organization was used for Planned Parenthood. She suggested that the parish support a St Nicholas team to participate in this event. Purpose would be support for the women and families in our parish who have been touched by breast cancer. Advantage would be newer parishioners could go with a group instead of perhaps not going because they don't know anyone to go with; a bus would be available for \$5.00 per person; and the tee shirts would be picked up as a group. Motion was made to press on with this. Motion was also made for this to be run through the church but not as a church function. Decision was made to put notice in bulletin to coordinate this event for anyone who wishes to participate. This is no change from the past practice.

**5. Bulletin Articles:** Ann reminded the council that articles for the bulletin may be submitted to her at any time. She will edit and then publish these at appropriate times and when space is available.

**6. Mother's Day Roses:** Matt reported we had 450 roses. Money collected was \$1299.75 which will be given to Project Rachel. He thanked everyone who helped with this project.

**7. Election of Officers:** David Todd was elected president of the parish council. Jill Pietrusinski is the newly elected vice-president. Their term begins at the end of tonight's meeting.

**8. Regular Meeting:** The next council meeting will be June 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Special Intention:** Thanks were given to Dale for his three-year service to the council. A picture of \_\_\_\_\_ was presented to Dale.

**Closing:** Glory Be to the Father was prayed. The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

EMMA JOHNSON, Recorder