

St Nicholas Parish Council Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2011

Staff Members Present:

Ed Koszykowski, Parish Ministries Coordinator
Barb Furdek, Director of Religious Education

Discerned Members Present:

David Todd, President; Father William Hitpas, Bob Hoff, Joanne Smallheer, Mary Ann Williams, Carole McKinstry, Lynda Fahrner.

Others Present:

Carol Mauchline, Trustee; Gary Mueller, Building Committee; John Koors, Finance Committee; Jim Haider, Finance Committee.

Opening. At 7:30 P.M., David Todd opened the council meeting with prayer. The April 26, 2011 minutes were read and approved. Motion made by Joanne Smallheer, seconded by Sherri Galante.

Farewell Gift Presentation. Father Bill thanked David Todd for his three years of service on the parish council with the last two as President. A farewell gift was presented to him on behalf of the council and all the members. David thanked everyone on the parish council and departed the meeting. Yolanda Woods, was not available to receive her gift for time spent with service to the council; it will be given to Yolanda at a later date. It has been suggested by the Dioceses that the pastor of each parish shall oversee all parish council meetings. Until Father Bill reads through the new policies, there will not be any one council member designated as President.

Saint Clare School Expansion Project. Father Bill lead the discussion regarding the St. Clare School expansion. A points paper had been sent to all attending the meeting so that we would all be better informed as to what options were possible for our school. There was a lengthy discussion regarding time-frame, cost of project, feasibility study, decreasing enrollment, economy, lack of plan, financial commitment for the parish, etc. Four members from the parish, Sherri Galante, parish council, Carol Mauchline, trustee, Jim Haider, finance committee, and Ann Daniels, finance committee to accompany Father Bill to a second meeting with Corpus Christie and Saint Clare. The three committees, one from each parish, will bring the information back to their respective councils for further discussion. Further discussion was tabled pending the late hour and the meeting was scheduled for June 7, 2011.

Parish Newsletter. Father Bill informed the council that Liz Quirin, editor of the parish newsletter, will be resigning her position. With the editors resignation, and annual cost of \$4,986.00, we needed to decide if this was something we continue or look at different ways of communicating with parishioners. It was suggested that the newsletter staff be consulted for their opinion and that Liz Quirin join us next month at the parish council meeting to give us her views.

Closing. Father Bill closed the meeting at 9:30 PM with a prayer and the next scheduled meeting for the parish council is June 27, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectively submitted for Council approval.