

Parish Council Minutes  
July 25, 2011

At 7:29 the meeting was called to order by Father William Hitpas. All members were present with the exception of Jill Pietrusinski.

The minutes from June were amended to remove a luau theme. The minutes were then approved as amended.

Father Bill introduced Cathleen Klusek, the new editor of the parish newsletter. Cathleen led a dialog about past newsletters and her vision for the newly designed one. With this new format Cathleen hopes to reach out and pull new parishioners in. Personal goal from Cathleen were discussed regarding the new design and her plans for eliminating or shortening some articles to make way for new and exciting articles. Father Bill presented to Cathleen Parish Council concerns regarding newsletter; after much discussion it was decided to remain with the newsletter being distributed every other month.

Father Bill led a discussion regarding the Pastor and a chairperson from the council working together on meetings. We decided unanimously to experiment with this format for six months and revisit this agenda item. The council unanimously suggested Jill Pietrusinski be the Council Chairperson if she accepts.

The need for a secretary to take minutes for council meetings was discussed. Carole McKinstry volunteered to take on this responsibility. The council unanimously agreed.

The council was in complete agreement with our agenda reflecting every other month on a special aspect of parish life; thus allowing us to get an idea of what is happening with different groups within our parish.

Parishioners Joe and Pat Kaiser made a suggestion that the parish council approves a Christmas program from a singer they had heard at a convention. The singer would not charge for her performance but would require us to commit to an audience of 300 attendees. After much discussion of pros vs. cons. it was decided that the Christmas season was not a good time for such a concert.

An update on the parish picnic was provided by Joanne Smallheer. Work shifts were requested from council members.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the St. Clare School expansion. Fund raising and the difficulty in getting three parishes all on the same page were discussed. The decision was made to table this topic for the evening.

The meeting was ended at 9:15 with prayer by the entire group

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Smallheer