

St. Augustin Parish
Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Present: Joe Kobes, Todd Erzen, Sandra Mosley, Fr. Emmanuel, Emily Duong, Milton Anania, , Joe Dullard, and Sherill Whisenand.

Not Present: Fr. Jim (excused) and Rob Den Hartog (excused).

Guests: Mark Rice (Board of Education),, and Georgie Hoerster (Altar and Rosary)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Emily Duong. Opening Prayer was read in unison by all: *Dear Lord, we ask for your guidance; inspire us to act with commitment and compassion as we seek to fulfill our role as council members. We pray that our actions will have a positive effect and that the parishioners of St. Augustin's will benefit. Please give us your strength to persevere in our goals to serve you. Amen.*

January Meeting Minutes

January minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes was made by Todd Erzen, and seconded by Sandra Mosley. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

Board of Education

Mark Rice, (School board member) reported that the Board of Education was looking into raising tuition for the next school year as well as looking into positive marketing ideas (for promotion and fundraising). Weather conditions this winter and State cutbacks on our free preschool contract have put a strain on the budget. Good news is that the school enrollment is near capacity and the school roof, though of vintage age, is holding well. School maintenance and Joe Kobes are keeping an eye on the roof's performance especially during the upcoming thaw.

Pastoral Plan issues and comments

Section 1: Worship Children's liturgy mass is starting slow but is getting some participation. Emily Duong would like to see more of an emphasis put on the RE program to participate.

Section 2: Evangelization

Section 3: Community Fellowship January joint meeting discussed dinner party fundraisers for the parish for community fellowship and parish support. Emily Duong has asked to put together a subcommittee to schedule and plan these parties. To kick off this program the parish council will throw the first party (sometime in April).

Section 4: Reconciliation

Section 5: Stewardship

New Business

1. Father Jim's condition: He is back in the residence as of today (Feb 9) and is optimistic of his recovery plan. Chemotherapy treatment will be part of the recovery. Todd Erzen asked if there is any need for outside help during Fr. Jim's recuperation. Fr. Emmanuel says that Fr. Jim has already planned for help during his recovery and so far everything is under control. The Parish Council has offered help if needed.
2. Soldier Support Bulletin Board: Parishioner Marcia Baumhover would like the parish to put up some type of recognition in the parish hall corridor for active service members who belong to St. Augustin's. Sandra Mosley will speak with her to get more specifics.
3. Lenten fundraiser: The motion to accept the concept of this fundraiser proposal (see attachment) was made by Joe Kobes, seconded by Sandra Mosley and unanimously approved (along with approvals from Rob Den Hartog (P.C. member), Jim Wallace (Finance Council), Chuck Haas (Foundation) and Mark Rice (School board). The parish

council would like to see the final version of what is sent out and spoken of at the pulpit to make sure that we have been clear and concise about the intentions of this fundraiser.

4. Guest Georgie Hoerster came to speak on behalf of the Altar and Rosary society. It has just been implemented that there will be a fee charged if families chose to use the parish hall for a lunch after a funeral to cover expenses (washing linens, paper goods, coffee and tea). In the past, it is has always been asked for as a suggested donation rather than billed. She feels strongly that we should educate parishioners of the costs associated with such events but leave it as a suggested donation.

Old Business

Tithing committee: A startup meeting has been set for Monday February 15 @5:30.

Parish Council Reports

St. Augustin Foundation: No report

Finance Council: (*Joe Dullard*) Last meeting was canceled and has not yet been rescheduled.

Parish Life: No report

Liturgy: (*Sherill Whisenand reporting, Milt Anania, and Todd Erzen*) Start up meeting for the new liturgy committee was held Thursday, February 4. Points for an effective committee include: 1. Publish members names in the bulletin to encourage parishioner input. 2. Meet seasonally or as necessary, especially for Christmas and Easter seasons. 3. Include representation from all liturgical ministries, RCIA, Art and Environment ministry, and pastoral council. 4. Consider one head usher over all masses, increase number of committed ushers, and separate the ushers from the hospitality ministry. 5. Improvement in communication among the liturgical ministries is vital. Because the Lenten season is fast approaching, they have discussed necessary planning to organize the liturgy during Holy week building from the Triduum through Easter Sunday. Also discussed the need for catechesis regarding the St. Augustin tradition to remain standing after receiving communion.

Education: No report

Communications: No report

Building and Grounds: Andy Ball, Joe Kobes, Rev. Mr. Kevin Heim, and Emily Duong met with two fire protection companies on Feb. 8 to get bids for updating the church, offices, rectory, and parish hall addition per city code fire safety. The money spent on this update would come from the foundation account for capital improvement and could reduce our insurance premiums (which will help our operating expenses).

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Kobes at 8:30pm, seconded by Todd Erzen, motion carried

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You have blessed us beyond our imaginations and we are called to use these blessings to do your will. Please send your Holy Spirit to guide us to make good decisions that will properly lead your flock; for if we are not bringing them to you, we are surely pushing them away. The work you have given us is important and obtainable for we remember that you have not only called us but you have also enabled us. May we leave this meeting with a fire that moves us to action and the words that your son, our savior has given us: Amen

Next meeting will be Tuesday March 9, 2010 @ 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Duong, Parish Council Chair