

St. Augustin Parish
Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2010

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

Not Present: Rob Den Hartog, Fr. Emmanuel

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Emily Duong. Opening Prayer was read in unison

April Meeting Minutes

April minutes were reviewed. Sherill Whisenand moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Joe Dullard. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Clark Smith reported that the May crowning today went well for the students. Students going on the eighth grade trip to Chicago leave tomorrow, May 12. Board of Education elections will be held May 15/16; there are five nominees vying for three board positions. Todd Erzen expressed concerns that only two weeks of bulletin announcements regarding the upcoming election might not be enough. In the spirit of transparency the Bd of Education needs to use more lead time to promote the opportunity for parishioners to serve on the board (four to six weeks ahead preferably). Water penetration issues are re-surfacing at the school, Joe Kobes is working with Keith to procure bids to fix the roof (on the original portion of the building). Joe Kobes is also looking at settlement concerns near the gym. The last day of school is May 28th.

Pastoral Plan issues and comments

- Plan item #3.1 Create a viable climate of welcome at St. Augustin's. Can Cindy S. in the parish office create a recent list of new members for parish council members to call and welcome. The "On A Journey Together" program has helped to foster a welcoming attitude as well.
- #3.2 Sustain ongoing atmosphere of welcome within the parish. The social supper club meets on the third Tuesday of the month. More off site parties (like the Cinco de Mayo party) could help build friendships and strengthen our parish community.
- #3.3 Increase community awareness of positive aspects of St. Augustin parish life. We are making announcements from the cantors stand as well as printing them in the bulletin to inform as many parishioners as possible of the many opportunities and programs offered at St. Augustin. *The senior recognition brunch on May 23 hosted by the Altar and Rosary and the Parents of 2010 juniors was outstanding; there was a nice turnout and Cassie Sheik gave a very nice piece of advice to the students preparing to leave home.*
- #3.4 Expand awareness of parish operations. We need to continually remind parishioners of our Perpetual Adoration, this is such a lovely ministry and we are proud to have so many dedicated people participate, but we should take our cue from them and perpetually look for new adorers. Vigilance in all of our programs is a must; the key to being a welcoming community is that we continue to welcome people to participate. A new stewardship letter and new members' packet should be created with the tithing committee.

New Business

1. Father Jim expressed the idea for a parish owned housing development for elderly parishioners who live independently. A survey needs to be done to see if there is any interest in this.
2. The parish is making an effort to purchase the portion of 41st St. that runs through the church property. Andy Ball and Father Jim are trying to meet with Councilman Chris Coleman for advice on how much to offer.

3. Parish Council elections are slated for May 28-29 during all masses. Personal biographies are still being collected by Sherill Whisenand and Todd Erzen. *There were only three nominees running this year (to fill three positions) so instead of an election; all three were announced as the new parish council members.*

Old Business

Annual Diocesan Appeal is going well (approximately \$105,000 according to our parish poster). There has been one phone bank held calling for donations and a second is scheduled for June 17th.

Parish Council Reports

St. Augustin Foundation: No report

Finance Council: The finance council (made known through memo) intends to enforce its duty to oversee the school budget process with the Board of Education. This year too much time was wasted on inaccurate budget estimates which not only slowed the process but also created undo tension. The final parish budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 is not yet distributed (pending final finance council approval).

Parish Life: The Cinco de Mayo party fundraiser was a success. \$2550 was raised for the parish and over 50 parishioners came and had a good time getting to know each other.

Liturgy: There is a liturgy meeting scheduled for May 13th.

Education: St. Augustin's RE director Cassie Sheik will be leaving on July 20th. Father would like to create a search committee (consisting of Fr. Jim, 1 Bd of Ed member, 1 P.C. member, and 1 R.E. teacher) to help screen applicants. *Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 2-6: this is a great volunteer opportunity for older students to do community service.*

Communications: Joe Kobes motioned that we hold another joint council meeting in June, Todd Erzen seconded, and motion carried. *Emily Duong apologizes for not setting this up for June but hopefully one can be scheduled for July or August. However participation needs to be stressed: the last joint council meeting had poor representation (1 Bd of Ed member, 1 Foundation member, 2 Finance council members, and all but one of the parish council members). For this idea of joint ownership of our parish to work we need cooperation from all councils.*

Building and Grounds: Protec has started installing the new fire alarm system (no report on how it is going)

Adjournment

Joe Kobes moved to adjourn at 9:10pm, seconded by Joe Dullard, motion carried

Closing Prayer was read in unison

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 8, 2010 @ 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Duong, Parish Council Chair