

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8661 N. 76th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53223

St. Catherine Parish is committed to worshipping God and His Son, Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. We are dedicated to living the Word of God by our Christian example. We shall achieve this through service to our Parish and stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

August 23rd, 2011

Present: Debbie Hintz, Parish Director; John Scholz, Chairperson; Frank Maier, Secretary; Joe Carey, Trustee; Jack Fox, Trustee; Frank Balistrieri; Debby Korpela; Carol Krol; Deb Schultz; Ken Van Fossan

Absent: Renee Serre, Vice-Chairperson; Lynne LeMense

Opening Prayer

Joe led the opening prayer.

Comments from Parishioners

None present.

Approval of the June 28th Minutes

Frank B motioned to approve the June minutes. Jack seconded the motion. The June minutes were approved.

Recommendations from the Fundraising Committee

Mike Steger presented an update on the Fundraising Committee. The two primary options are a calendar raffle and a casino night. Both do not require a lot of time or volunteer help. The calendar raffle has tremendous potential to nearly eliminate the deficit. The casino night is a social event, which could also include other events like silent auction or 50/50 raffle. The casino night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 18th, awaiting the Council's support, and the calendar raffle in 2012.

The Council agreed that both ideas are good and the Fundraising Committee can begin preparations.

Council/Staff Retreat Date

The council discussed possible dates. Debbie will try for a Friday evening with the facilitator, possibly in early November.

Expectations for Parishioners Attending NW Catholic

The pastors and Debbie sent a letter to all NW Catholic families in June reminding them to become or remain active parishioners if they are receiving the parishioner tuition rate. Deb Schultz said all parishes that she contacted said they do not enforce the talent and treasure commitment. The non-parishioner rate for NW

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Catholic is only \$400 more than the parishioner rate, so this may not have a large financial impact. Debbie will get a final count of parishioner students after the third Friday in September.

Northwest Catholic Update

Lisamarie Arnold, the NW Catholic Advancement Director, discussed her first year in this position. The current enrollment is 401, which is up from 378 last year. She discussed the mailings, events, and publicity that the school received in the last year. The school also purchased a list of community members who are not parishioners and had an open house. The school would like to initiate an annual appeal that would go out in late September and will focus on Catholic education and the local community. It will stress that the school offers foreign languages, physical education, and full set of extra curricular activities and contrast that with lesser offerings at other schools. She has connections at many local companies, who may look to help with technology improvements at the school. Last year, the school received a grant for teacher professional development, which includes in class coaching. They are also received a DPI grant for fresh fruit and vegetables in addition to their hot breakfast and hot lunch programs. Lisamarie described some of the annual appeal letter's language. Debbie asked for the council's support of this appeal; the council agreed.

Carol asked how the scholarship envelopes (that are included in our annual box of contribution envelopes) would be affected. Debbie said these will be a topic at the next finance meeting. Carol also asked if the words faith, future and foundation that Lisamarie stated will be on the annual appeal letter would be confused with Faith In Our Faith. Lisamarie will give some thought to that; she also offered to speak at masses prior to the mailing as a way to introduce this year's appeal.

The school is expecting some additional students in the first weeks of September during Choice sign up. The school will have an extra \$100k from Choice, but there also will be a third K4 class, which will take some of this surplus.

Parish Director's Report

Debbie did not have any additional topics.

Committee Reports

Christian Formation – Frank Balistrieri

The committee did not meet over the summer. The final summer book club meeting will happen before the end of the month.

Finance/Administrative Services – Renee Serre

Those present stated that there was not anything to report.

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Human Concerns – Lynne LeMense

Carol mentioned that Judy Dollhausen wanted to recognize Les Hagensick for his past work on the committee. Several people suggested that the committee could recognize him on their own and Les could be featured in the Stewardship Corner of the bulletin.

Parish Life – Ken Van Fossan

The committee did not meet in August.

Prayer & Worship – Deb Schulz

The committee met in early August. They are planning some recognition of the 9/11 anniversary on that Sunday.

School Advisory Board – Carol Krol

The committee met in early August. There is nothing to add to items mentioned above.

Stewardship – Debby Korpela

The next meeting is September 26th.

'What are you hearing?'

Nobody had anything to add.

Closing Prayer

Joe led the closing prayer.

Handouts: Fundraising Committee presentation by Mike Steger.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Frank Maier, Secretary, Parish Council.