

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 Minutes

March 22nd, 2011

Present: Debbie Hintz, Parish Director; Ken Laczniak, Chairperson; John Scholz, Vice-Chairperson; Frank Maier, Secretary; Joe Carey, Trustee; Jack Fox, Trustee; Frank Balistrieri; Debby Korpela; Lynne LeMense; Renee Serre; Ken Van Fossan; Bob Wazniak

Absent: No absences

The Opening Prayer and Comments from Parishioners was done in the church.

Opening Prayer

Renee led the opening prayer.

Comments from Parishioners (90 minutes)

Joe Carey began the session with going over the speaking guidelines provided to the audience. He then asked Father Joe to speak about confidentiality in personnel matters that he faced as Vicar of Clergy for the Archdiocese. As Joe was about to continue, Ed Szozinski chose to interrupt and read the letter he had written to the Archbishop.

After Joe was allowed to continue, he explained the reason for the presence of the police officers at Jim Stout's termination. Joe had requested their presence from his personal experience and explained the Milwaukee Police Department chose to send three officers; two lieutenants and one uniformed officer. Two officers were asked to leave, but they chose to stay.

After Joe's explanation, the following people spoke: Dawn Buege, Theresa Murphy, Debbie Schultz, Sue Niemi, Winnifred Glasshof, Carl Geenen, Matt Schimenz, Ellen Schimenz, Sarah Walther, Joanne Collins, Sue Armacost, and Jim Zielinski.

All the comments dealt with Jim Stout's termination. Some expressed their disappointment with Jim's dismissal. Some asked for more information. Some had stories about how Jim affected their lives, both at church and away from it.

After all the people had made their comments, several people asked questions from the crowd. Ken Laczniak answered those that he could and repeatedly explained that he and Council can only say so much because it is a personnel matter.

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Approval of February Minutes

Renee motioned to approve the February minutes. Bob seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved.

District APC Meeting Report

Ken L attended this meeting at St. Margaret Mary Parish. The representatives at the meeting were from nine parishes. They discussed the upcoming retirement of priests and how this will affect the parishes. The number of retiring priests exceeds the number of new priests. The next meeting is in October.

Nomination Committee Update

Ken Van Fossan had previously sent out the nomination schedule via email to the Nomination Committee (Renee and Frank M). The solicitation of nominations has begun and we have six names. The committee will divide up the names and call the nominated people to see if they will accept their nominations. Late nominations will be accepted until April 20th. Voting will be held the weekend of May 14th and 15th.

Northwest Catholic Update

The combined campuses had mass with Archbishop ListECKI this morning (March 22nd). The total school subsidy is approximately \$240k. Some technology items were put off. However, the West campus will get a new PA system. The whole Choice program dollar amount is in question based on the proposals in Governor Walker's next fiscal budget for the State. The next meeting is Thursday (March 24th) and the budget for next school year will be discussed.

Parish Director's Report

Debbie did not have any additional items to discuss.

Committee Reports

Christian Formation – Frank Balistrieri

The six week bible study programs were a tremendous success. The survey of participants indicated 90% had a very positive experience. After Lent, the committee will consider additional sessions. The next meeting is April 11th.

Finance/Administrative Services – John Scholz

John missed last meeting. However, he summarized the minutes from that meeting. The parish has a year-to-date deficit of \$53k, in part due to school subsidy of \$23k. They are expected to get reimbursed for the school site costs. The budget will be reevaluated again after Easter. The next meeting is April 12th.

Human Concerns – Lynne Lemense

The committee met on March 14th. All of the ministries are doing well. The next blood drive will be held on April 11th in the gym. Jim Dollhausen

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proposed an 'Assist A Family' program, which allow the church to adopt a family dealing with a catastrophic event. However, sustaining it will be a challenge because the proposed program is built around two people. A lot of details still need to be worked out. The next meeting is May 9th.

Parish Life – Renee Serre

The committee has not met since our last Council meeting.

Prayer & Worship – Ken Van Fossan

The committee met on March 1st and discussed the need for more ushers and Eucharist ministers. The next meeting is in May.

School Advisory Board – Bob Wazniak

The committee met March 8th. The meeting was essentially a training session to decide on the structure of a school board. The next meeting is April 5th.

Stewardship – Debby Korpela

The committee reviewed the Time, Talent, and Treasure form. Stewardship Weekend is April 2nd and 3rd. They are still compiling an accurate count of volunteers. May 20th is Volunteer Appreciation Weekend and invitations will be sent out soon. The next meeting is March 29th.

'What are you hearing?'

There were not any additional comments.

Closing Prayer

Renee led the closing prayer.

Jim Stout Situation ('Closed Door' Discussion)

The Parish Council met in a closed door session to discuss Jim Stout's termination. As has been stated previously, the Council has been briefed on this situation and can not provide any additional information because it is a personnel matter. The Parish Council does support the decision.

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