

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

September 27th, 2011

Present: Debbie Hintz, Parish Director; John Scholz, Chairperson; Renee Serre, Vice-Chairperson; Frank Maier, Secretary; Joe Carey, Trustee; Jack Fox, Trustee; Frank Balistreri; Debby Korpela; Carol Krol; Lynne LeMense; Deb Schultz; Ken Van Fossan

Absent: None

Opening Prayer

Jack Fox led the opening prayer.

Comments from Parishioners

There were not any parishioners present.

Approval of the August 23rd Minutes

Ken motioned to approve the August minutes. Jack seconded the motion. The August minutes were approved.

Debriefing on All-Committee Potluck and Meeting

All felt the meeting went very well with good food and good presentations. A number of people signed up for the calendar raffle. All felt that the meeting should be held again next year. Frank B asked if the meeting was just for the committee members. Currently, it is, but we may open it up to all parishioners so they can hear about the activities of the committees.

Prepare for All Parish Meeting, October 25th

Prior to discussing the content of the All Parish meeting, Debbie reminded the council that the parish at one time held two annual meetings, one in fall and one in spring. The fall meeting dealt mostly with finances. It was decided a few years ago to hold only the fall meeting and for two years, in 2008 and 2009, a parish report was published in spring giving a recap of all that had happened in all areas of parish life that year. Debbie asked: What do we want to do at the all-parish meeting? and, How do we tell the rest of the parish what is happening? Frank B suggested summarizing the details from the All-Committee Meeting, a detailed financial summary, and changes in the Mass. Joe added that we should discuss the school and maybe invite Lisamarie Arnold, the school's Advancement Director to talk about the school. The invitation to this meeting can then come with the year-end fiscal

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report that is mailed to all parishioners in October. Debbie suggested combining the All-Committee meeting and All-Parish meeting next year and holding it in September. Anyone could join us for the potluck supper, or simply come to the meeting portion. Debbie asked if we should do the parish report as well. It was suggested to send it after the casino night and before ministries fair in the spring. The Council will meet at 6:15pm and the All-Parish Meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Reports on Parish Savings and Faith In Our Future

Debbie handed out a summary of the parish's funds and savings and discussed some of the funds. There was a slight increase in the funds' balance to just over \$470k.

Debbie handed out a summary for FIOF. As of July 31, 2011, we had almost \$73k in the account. Overall, the parish received just over \$146k. Debbie asked Andy to discuss Community Outreach project with the Human Concerns Committee. For the Mission Trips, Nicole has not had any luck in getting the high school students to participate. Jack asked if the Archdiocese ever told the parishes how their portion of the money was used. Nobody could recall ever hearing an answer.

Parish Director's Report

Debbie had the head of the archdiocesan cemeteries take a look at ours and asked him if he thought it would be a good idea for us to expand. He thought it would be. He advised us to expand to the area directly south of our current space. Debbie had Ken Voss investigate our zoning, which is currently residential. We also need a letter from the Sisters of St. Joan Antida, our neighbors to the south, supporting the expansion. Debbie has contacted them, but hasn't heard back from their provincial. We may also want to consider increasing the price of our plots as we charge much less than Resurrection Cemetery.

The fund raisers are going forward. We should receive our raffle license this week for the casino night. The parish will print 2,000 calendars for the calendar raffle and sell them for \$25 each.

The bulletin from last week had a flyer in it listing all opportunities to learn about the upcoming changes in the Mass. We also will have new orders of worship for Advent and Christmas.

Committee Reports

Christian Formation – Frank Balistrieri

The committee discussed the next Six Weeks with the Bible series, which starts the second week of October. There was an issue with finding another high school catechist.

Finance/Administrative Services – Renee Serre

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The committee discussed the school; there are 12 families from our parish; 6 are Choice and 6 are paying. They also discussed the addition of the third 4k class at NW Catholic. The parish's accounts were set up at Wells Fargo. The school building roof needs repair in a small section. The committee will review at least two estimates. They will review the budget in January after Christmas and fund raising to get an early read on the state of any deficit. Debbie handed out a copy of our financial statement that goes to the Archdiocese. It showed a \$27k deficit. Debbie stated that our school subsidy will likely come in at budget, about \$60k.

Human Concerns – Lynne LeMense

The committee is having issues with keeping the St. Vincent de Paul members organized and finding enough people to participate due to some personality conflicts. Lynne recommended that the members meet with Debbie to discuss the problems. They did meet with Debbie on Sunday. Debbie said they will revisit the situation in October. Andy will write a proposal to include the homebound in the activities of the parish. The next meeting is 11/14.

Parish Life – Ken Van Fossan

The committee mostly discussed the Chili Dinner coming in October. The Coffee and Donut Socials will return on Saturdays. They are also discussed a Women's Evening of Reflection, which likely happen in early 2012. They may also combine with Holy Name Society and have a family breakfast.

Prayer & Worship – Deb Schulz

The committee discussed the shortage of Eucharist ministers. They will have only one bread and one wine for the balcony. They also need ushers for the 4:30p mass. There will be banners for the recently deceased on All Souls Day. The next meeting is 10/14.

School Advisory Board – Carol Krol

The committee approved the school statutes. Enrollment has increased and the fundraising letter was sent out; first to parishioners. The next rounds will include the surrounding communities and 'big donors'. They also are working on an alumni database and revamping the school website. The next meeting is 10/11.

Stewardship – Debby Korpela

The committee discussed the tasks for the upcoming year: update contact list, organize Ministry fair, and host another volunteer appreciation night. The next meeting is 10/24.

Reminder: Parish Council/Staff Retreat, Friday, November 4th (5-9pm w/dinner)

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'What are you hearing?'

Nothing more was added.

Closing Prayer

Jack Fox led the closing prayer.

Handouts: St. Catherine Parish Funds and Savings; Faith In Our Future Status Report; and St. Catherine of Alexandria Financial Statement

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