

ST. JUDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009

PRESENT: Fr. Eric, Rob Reid, Kathy Walsh, Dan Meade, Kim Holiday, Scott Greiner, Jen Buse

ABSENT: Dan Dalton, Jim Wherle, Jamie Singler, Laura Duke, Missy Meinhardt

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: Fr. Eric, Kim Holiday

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Eric

COMMISSION REPORTS

Finance: Dan Meade gave this month's report.

- Dan handed out updated financials for July through March.
- No surprises in regards to the budget.
- Bingo might make projected \$50,000 budget.
- Easter collection was very good; above last year's.
- Will hit the projected budget.
- Next school year a program called "Adopt A Student" will begin. Parishioners can donate or pledge money to help a needy student.
- Looking into an endowment for the School.

Education: Jen Buse gave this month's report.

- Teacher certification was discussed. Three years ago, Fr. Rick gave the teachers without certification until this August to remedy this situation. Several teachers have not obtained their certification. Fr. Eric decided not to act upon this, but will stress to these teachers that they need to continue to work at this certification.
- Teacher surveys went out to all parents.
- Sometime in May, all the classrooms will have smart boards. The teachers will have a two-day training session on August 17 and 18.
- On-line grading will be installed by mid-July for implementation next school year.

- Education Commission discussed the following strategic planning projects: accreditation, admissions policy, image and brand program, math/algebra program, after-school programs, technology in the classroom, annual open house, teacher mentoring, teacher reviews, and what it takes to become a “Blue Ribbon School.”

Worship: Fr. Eric gave this month’s report.

- There was no report because Worship Commission did not have an April meeting due to Holy Week and Easter.

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Boosters: Scott Greiner gave this month’s report.

- The sports eligibility was discussed – need to be a parish member, school student or PSR student.
- Sign-ups for fall sports are starting; girls’ golf is being added.
- Baseball is starting.
- Driveway is complete; gate has been ordered.
- Elections will be held next Booster meeting.
- Reds Community Fund – assistance with the fields; benches are out.

PTO: Jamie Singler or Laura Duke did not attend; Jen Buse gave a short report.

- \$1,900 was collected from the Lenten Penny Race. The money will go to Juvenile Diabetes and Cross International.
- Teacher Appreciate Week will be celebrated May 11-15.
- Trek for Tech is scheduled for May 15.
- Field Day is May 22.
- The Board has ordered yard signs for the 8th grade graduates.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

PAST BUSINESS

- The tarp for the new gym is financially not feasible. It is a “closed” issue for now.

- Parish Council elections are scheduled for the first two weeks in May. Candidates' pictures will now be available for people to see. Kathy Walsh and Jim Wherle volunteered to help after the Masses with the voting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dan Meade brought up the problem of people parking in the fire lane at the 11:00 Mass. This situation was then discussed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Fr. Eric reminded everyone that all Commissions and organizations need to sign up with the Parish Office for any scheduled meeting in the Parish Center or the Undercroft.
- Parish Commission approved Fr. Eric's request regarding fixing the Church's front doors, which currently do not lock. The cost for this project will be approximately \$15,000.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- There was nothing that needed to be discussed.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Eric

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 1, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Kathy Walsh
Secretary, Parish Council