

## **ST. JUDE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY AUGUST 31, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Eric, Dan Meade, Kathy Walsh, Kim Holiday, Jim Wherle, Chuck Cole, Jamie Singler, Missy Meinhardt,

**ABSENT:** Greg Saupe, Scott Greiner

**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:** Fr. Eric, Kathy Walsh

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. Eric

### **COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Finance:** Dan Meade gave this month's report.

- Budgeted for a \$65,000 loss but actually came out \$14,000 ahead. This was a good year as the festival and collections came in higher than budgeted.
- Next year will be a big challenge financially due to a \$40,000-\$50,000 loss in aid from the state to Catholic schools. Looking for ways now to save money.
- We are currently ahead in collections.

**Education:** Missy Meinhardt gave this month's report.

- There is an interest in starting after school programs. The teachers are looking into possible clubs.
- There is a new policy that limits the phone use in the office to emergency use only.
- Enrichment policy-there is a recommendation that a student must stay on honor roll to continue with enrichment.
- Mr. Huber is looking into ways to use the website for communications for cost efficiency.
- Maryann Dressman will be the new chairperson for Open House.
- Education Commission would like to see a core group of teachers present at the Education meetings to assist in communication between teachers and members of the commission.
- There was a new server installed in the front office this past summer.
- Orientation for kindergarten and first grade went well.
- The new members of Education Commission were introduced.
- Mike Nieman and Tom Tressler are organizing a fundraiser to the Toby Keith concert to raise money for the teacher mentoring program.

**Worship:** Kathy Walsh gave this month's report.

- Advent wreath family gathering scheduled for Sat.11/14 at 11:00. There will be more activities for children. Wreaths will be handed out after everyone is seated.
- There will be extended hours for penance.
- Fr. Eric has ordered a new statue of St. Therese Little Flower. It will be in soon. More statues will be ordered. Statues are meant to add more color to the church. Looking for possible donations from the parishioners. Each statue only costs approximately \$230.
- Parish mission scheduled for 10/10-10/13. Fr. Leo will lead mission.

**Boosters:** Dan Meade gave brief report since no one from Boosters was present.

- Oktoberfest and Sophie's Angel Run scheduled for Sept. 26-27.

**PTO:** Jamie Singler gave this month's report.

- PTO sponsored a two day training workshop on Smart Board use for teachers. All teachers were given flash drives as gifts from the PTO.
- New t-shirts given out on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes.
- Meet the teacher night and PTO's first meeting to be held Sept. 3 at 7:00pm.
- Sally Foster fundraiser has kicked off. The goal for this year is \$25,000.
- Mr. Huber researching the "One Call Now" call system program which would be a communication tool between families and school.
- Trunk or Treat scheduled for Sunday Oct. 25.

## **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **PAST BUSINESS**

- Endowment Fund—Chuck Cole discussed the fund and how it is used to make Catholic schools more affordable. Information handed out.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Nothing new to report.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Fr. Eric spoke about his homily from the previous weekend regarding parishioners “dropping” their envelopes and leaving. He will be contacting those who have been repeatedly “dropping” their envelopes to find out why they aren’t attending mass. Those envelopes “dropped” will not count toward attendance requirements unless there is a legitimate reason.
  - Fr. Eric requested that we move PC meetings to another night. Possibly Wednesday or Thursday. Mondays are Fr. Eric’s day off.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- Church doors are done except for a few minor finishing touches.
- Looking at bids for a new roof for school.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Eric

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 26 7:30pm.

Kim Holiday  
Secretary, Parish Council