

## ST. JUDE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

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

**ABSENT:** Scott Greiner

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. Eric

### COMMISSION REPORTS

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

- Funds going well. 365 raffle going well, making \$21,000 in profit to date. Over 2,000 tickets sold.
- Expenses as expected both for church and school.
- Revenue slightly higher as well as collections.

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

- Open House is Sunday, January 31 12-2pm. Most parents that attend are for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grades. Parents are shopping. Parents of kindergartners will be available to answer questions to help relieve Mrs. Kathman.
- Information given out in folders will include: class size, technology information, parish center details, percentile scores from standardized testing, and scholarships given out.
- Continuing Education Fund-teachers are being encouraged to use it more. To date only seven teachers have taken advantage of the program.
- PTO is offering additional Smart Board training to teachers.
- Looking into new textbooks for Science classes.
- Online grading-Mr. Huber has said that he is taking care of it.
- All day kindergarten-since we are a private school we are not required to offer all day kindergarten but we are looking into it. A concern, however, is that our classes are

small and there could be an impact on extended care which could cause a decline in the program.

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

- The New Parishioner's Welcome Party will be integrated into the monthly pancake breakfasts.
- Christmas masses went well. The 4:30 mass was very crowded. For next year's masses there will be a chart of where the Eucharistic ministers will stand to avoid any confusion.
- The wooden paddles are being reintroduced for those wanting to take up the Offertory at masses.
- Lent begins on Feb. 17.
- Per Fr. Eric there will be changes to the mass starting next Advent 2010 regarding Latin translations into English for specific prayers.

**Boosters:** Dan Meade reported for Scott Greiner

- The St. Jude basketball tournament went well with 130 teams. Clean-up was much better than previous years.

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

- Open House-PTO will be doing a presentation in the cafeteria and providing refreshments. Ms. Ray will be presenting a slide show.
- Catholic Schools Week
  - Monday-PTO provides lunch for teachers and staff
  - Thursday-Cincinnati Zoo "Cheetah Encounter" presentation for students
  - Friday-8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. teacher's volleyball game. 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts will be given out on Monday of Catholic School's week.
- Gift Certificate Program-Last January 2009 there was approximately \$36,000 in the bank account. This January there is over \$50,000 in the account. There has been over a 45% increase in profit over the last year.
- Kroger Rewards-the last two checks were over \$4,000.
- PTO would like to be present at the finance tuition meeting to set tuition that takes place in January. PTO would like to help the parish as much as possible with funds and would like to be invited to attend future finance meetings so as to make better decisions financially with available funds.

- There are four open positions on PTO: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.

## **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **PAST BUSINESS**

- Endowment Fund- Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> will be the kickoff. There will be pamphlets and envelopes available for those interested in donating after masses. There will also be an explanation in the bulletin. Members of the Endowment Committee will be available after masses to answer questions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There is nothing to report at this time.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Plans are being made to renovate the front parish office similar to the school office.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

There was nothing discussed at this time.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Eric

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, March 22, 2010, 7:30pm.

Kim Holiday  
Secretary, Parish Council

