

St. Joseph Parish Council
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2008

The Parish Council of St. Joseph Church, Shelbyville, Indiana, met on May 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office. Members present were Tom Gruesser, Noell Krughoff, Rosemary Dean, Angela Gill, Father Chris Craig, and Jen Deicer.

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

Angela Gill asked for exceptions to the consent agenda. Noell Krughoff asked that Liaison Responsibilities be added to the May agenda. All agreed. It was also noted that there was an error in the minutes from May, which was corrected. The consent agenda was accepted with those two exceptions.

OLD BUSINESS

Hispanic Ministry: Father reported that James Valez has refused payment for his duties, but he is serving as doorkeeper at the Hispanic Mass. James is not able to serve on the parish council as an ex officio member due to work and family obligations. Father Chris will continue to work with Father Tom to watch for someone who might be able to accept a paid position to help with translating, scheduling, and keeping the sacramental records. In the meantime, he has applied for a mission grant from the Arch Diocese to cover the salary for this person. The grant, if it is made, would last for about a year, and he should receive word in the next few weeks.

Elections: Council discussed the fact that only one person has volunteered to run and that more candidates are needed for elections this week-end (5/31-6/1). Several names were suggested and everyone agreed to start calls immediately after the meeting. Additional names and bios are to be reported to Leigh Ann Mills by noon, Thursday, May 29 so that she can prepare the ballots.

Virtus Program: This was tabled until next meeting.

Liaison Responsibilities: The chart was reviewed and changes were made according to the March meeting minutes. Those changes were based on suggestions made at the March Parish Summit and through the surveys circulated and returned prior to the summit. Angela Gill will retype the chart and distribute it to everyone via e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee: Tom Gruesser presented the budgets for the parish, school, and religious education as prepared by the finance committee. He asked parish council to approve the budgets so that they can be sent in to the Arch Diocese as is required. After some discussion, council agreed that the budgets are realistic and to give the approval needed to send them to the Arch Diocese.

100th Anniversary Celebration: The long-range planning report for the 100th Anniversary in the Same Building Celebration was reviewed. Everyone agreed that this is an excellent idea and that a very nice celebration is being planned.

Parish Resource Book: Tom Gruesser asked everyone to get in touch with their liaison contacts as per the new liaison chart in order to ask for changes and updates to the Parish Resource Book. He asked everyone to have any changes or updates to the current book turned into Leigh Ann Mills prior to July 1, sooner, if at all possible, so that she can get the book into production. Judy Boring will be asked to take Lisa Lewis's contacts since Judy doesn't have a Mission (the former commissions) and Lisa is out of the country for a couple of weeks.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Gill
Secretary